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## BRITISH PRESSURE IS STEADILY INCREASING ROUND BARDIA AS NEW FORCES ARRIVE Sollum, Fort Capuzzo, Several Frontier Posts Captured

"FIGHTING CONTINUES ROUND BARDIA WHERE BRITISH PRESSURE IS STEADILY INCREASING AS NEW FORCES ARRIVE. THE END OF THE RAINY PERIOD HAS ENABLED US TO CONTINUE FURTHER AIR ACTIVITY. THERE WAS NO CHANGE ON THE SUDAN FRONT," states the latest communique from Cairo, according to a London message.

It was pointed out that the British forces are now more than 150 miles from their rail head and that this factor must be borne in mind in considering further developments.

Reuter adds that a communique just issued in Cairo says: "In addition to Sollum and Fort Capuzzo, the British forces yesterday captured several frontier posts including that of Sidi Omar."

"Last night Australian troops successfully engaged an enemy column by moonlight and captured one gun and other material."

### BRITAIN'S FINANCIAL POSITION

#### DOLLAR EXCHANGE QUESTION

A report received from New York gives details of the discussion in the United States on Britain's financial position, states a London message.

According to the statement, a formal application for financial assistance would not necessarily take the form of a loan.

British official circles pointed out that the whole question was one of dollar exchange.

It is now indicated that the question came up from Britain's needs for aeroplanes, ships and other materials which she must buy from the United States and the British Government is anxious to make full use as possible of the vast resources of the United States.

It is assumed that the question was raised in conversations which Sir Frederick Phillips, Third Secretary to the British Treasury, has had in the United States.

#### O.S.K. SHIP HELD AT DURBAN

TOKYO, Dec. 17 (Reuter).—Contrary to previous reports, officials in Durban have so far refused to release the Osaka Shosen Kaisha freighter Kwantu Maru, a spokesman of the Cabinet Information Board told foreign correspondents this morning.

The vessel was en route to Japan from South America and the Japanese authorities are negotiating with British officials for the ship's release.

### Bad Week For British Shipping

LONDON, Dec. 17 (Reuter).—Twenty-three ships, aggregating 101,190 tons, were lost by enemy action during the week ending midnight Dec. 8, announces the Admiralty. The Germans claim to have sunk 243,000 tons during that period.

The losses are made up of 19 British ships, totalling 88,740 tons, three Allied ships, 12,937 tons, and one neutral of 1,513 tons.

A good proportion of the British losses were accounted for on one especially "black" day, Reuter understands.

Naval circles stress these losses are not entirely due to the U-boat menace and that the danger of mines, bombers and enemy raiders must not be overlooked.

The average weekly total merchant losses since the beginning of the war—excluding the Dunkirk period—is now 63,182 tons, it is authoritatively stated.

The sending forward of troops beyond Bardia was a precaution to see that the Italian garrison there did not interfere with the capture of Sollum.

It is also reported that the British forces include a number of Greek volunteers living in Egypt.

"Details of the capture of Fort Capuzzo are still awaited, but according to Turkish reports, the British columns are now 20 miles beyond Bardia," Reuter adds.

It is believed to be still holding out, but reports state that it has been outflanked by British troops.

#### HEAVY ATTACK

In the meantime, the Navy is continuing a steady shelling of the Libyan coast which has also been subject to a heavy attack by the Air Force.

Rain has now set in, but is not likely to last more than a few days.

The capture of Sollum and Fort Capuzzo was a culmination of three days' fierce fighting. The heaviest fighting was at Hell Fire Pass and one report says that the Italians defending the Pass were wiped out.

The Royal Air Force kept the Italian Air Force grounded and a large quantity of war material has again fallen into British hands. The Italians have described the battle as "the greatest of modern time."

The General who took part in the fighting was General Michael Creagh, formerly of the 7th Hussars.

#### FULL OF LIBYANS

It is too early yet for correspondence with the British forces to report of the fighting but an Australian correspondent, who followed behind the advance, stated that the first information of the battle in progress was when they found a camp full of Libyan prisoners.

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### HUGE OVERSEAS DONATIONS

#### Fruits Of Mission Of Gen. Wu Te-chen

CHUNGKING, Dec. 17 (Central).—Huge donations have been made by the Chinese in the South Sea regions as a result of the good visit of General Wu Te-chen, Minister of Overseas Affairs, according to word received here. Gen. Wu is now touring British Malaya.

The donations include \$100,000 from the Dutch East Indies. Contributions are also being made by the Chinese in Malaya and it is expected that the amount will exceed the \$200,000 mark.

Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek has dispatched a telegram to Gen. Wu asking the latter to convey his thanks to the overseas Chinese for their patriotic efforts.

### Anti-Japan Sentiment Growing In Canada

VANCOUVER, B. C., Dec. 17 (Reuter).—The hostility of Japan towards British interests in the Far East has aroused increasing anti-Japanese sentiment in Canada, particularly British Columbia, where Japanese immigrants have taken a substantial hold in several agricultural communities and in industry, according to reports received here.

Japan's alliance with the Axis Powers has also led to growing distrust among Canadians towards Japanese as competitors in their own home markets.

Canada has also maintained a policy of opposition towards Japan owing to her interests in the Far East. Recent events may well lead to a further stand against Japanese aggression.

NOTICE OF ACTIVITIES

Their activities are being watched along the coast of British Columbia. Government officials had to be introduced to the Japanese in order to prevent them from being introduced to the rich in industry.

Though one copper mine has been operated by the Japanese in the past most of the copper supplies for Japan was purchased from American-owned mines until the Government placed an embargo on it.

This embargo, it is believed, is an unmistakable sign of a stiffer attitude to Japanese infiltration into British Columbia at this time.

Scrap-iron, nickel and aluminium are already barred to Japan. Exports of lead may next be forbidden, it is predicted.

### Britain's Trade With The N.E.I.

The Secretary of State for the Colonies, Lord Lloyd, gave some facts in the House of Lords yesterday about the development of trade between Britain and the Netherlands East Indies, says a London message.

The Dutch East Indies and Malaya had come to an agreement, he said, for the sale of goods to dollar countries and the two Governments were maintaining full liaison by the appointment of a joint committee to discuss all trade matters.

Lord Lloyd said that he hoped this co-operation would be continued after the war.

### Today's War Summary

BOTH NEW ZEALAND AND AUSTRALIAN TROOPS have taken part in the victorious advance in Northern Africa as well as an Indian division. Military circles in London deprecate speculation as to further advances in the near future and point out the attacking force is now 150 miles from the rail head. Sollum and Fort Capuzzo have been captured.

FORMAL APPLICATIONS FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE which would not necessarily take the form of a loan have been made by Sir Frederick Phillips, the British Treasury official, in the course of consultations he has been conducting in Washington.

RECENT BROADCASTS BY SIR ROBERT VANSITTART indicating German aggressiveness throughout history were the subject of criticism in the Commons yesterday when a Labour member asked whether the declared policy that Britain desires nothing humiliating to the German people had been changed.

LATEST SHIPPING LOSSES CONSTITUTE what can only be termed a bad week. For the week ending Dec. 8, 101,190 tons of merchant ships were sunk by enemy action.

A THIRD ENEMY AGENT, A DUTCH SUBJECT born in Japan, has been executed in London. He was tried at the Central Criminal Court with two other enemy agents who were executed last week.

### DEMOCRACY NEITHER DEAD, DYING NOR DECADENT: AMERICAN EAGLE CLUB OPENED IN LONDON

"The sensibilities of our people at home will have to be dulled beyond comprehension if they failed, in action or spirit, short of nothing, to help the efforts of the British people in maintaining for us a decent world in which decent people wish to live in. This club will be a small contribution from us here to this end and I now declare the American Eagle Club opened."

General Wade Hayes, of the United States Army, made these remarks in London yesterday on the occasion of the opening of the American Eagle Club, which is to offer hospitality, not only to the Americans in the British armed forces, but, as the Chairman of the Committee of the Club stated, to all the members of the fighting forces, "no matter of what race, rank or nationality."

#### TWO FACTORS

Before declaring the club open, General Wade Hayes said that Americans who had been privileged to be in England had had an opportunity to get a close view of the greatest fight the civilised world had ever faced.

"There are two factors," he said, "which must be emphasised—one is that we have seen the British people displaying a determination which is a credit to the British race, and the other is that we have seen the Americans displaying a spirit which is a credit to the American race."

"The second factor was that in this war, democracy was neither dead, dying nor decadent," (Prolonged cheers). General Wade Hayes then declared the club open.

Mr. Hutchinson, Chairman of the Committee of the Club, who addressed the distinguished gathering before the opening ceremony was performed by Gen. Wade Hayes, said the Americans who had sponsored the building of the Club were deeply glad to have done so. They had been deeply moved by the thousands of young American boys who had enlisted to fight for freedom.

"I think it is an example of the finest kind of spirit that a man will risk his life, not only for his own country, but for the country of his friends," said Mr. Hutchinson, amidst loud cheers, "and further than that, for an ideal which he believes will even benefit his enemies."

A HIGH IDEAL  
"This is a high ideal indeed and worthy of our best efforts to honour. Few people realise what our American boys have done in this war. We realise it here and I am referring also to the field services—that organisation of ambulance workers and others which did such great work up to the moment that France fell."

"These people are telling your people over there about you and about this club which has been opened for you and about the British Broadcasting Corporation, which, together with the great law."

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### Churchill's Message To Greeks

Lord Halifax, Foreign Secretary, brought a message to the Greeks from Mr. Winston Churchill, Prime Minister, at the Anglo-Hellenic League luncheon in London yesterday.

Lord Halifax said:—"The Prime Minister asked me to give a message to this company and to the Greeks of his unstinted admiration for the Greeks at this time and of his confidence in victory for the common cause in which Greece and Britain are now engaged."

"Our recent action in the Western Desert of Egypt has been rendered more effective by the brilliant initiative of the Greek Army in Albania," said Lord Halifax, adds Reuter.

Lord Halifax paid cordial tribute to the "masterly skill" with which Generals Metaxas and Papagos are executing the campaign in Albania.

TANGIBLE LINK  
Co-operation of the Greek volunteers in Egypt formed a tangible link between the Albanian and Western Desert offensives. Until the day of victory, Lord Halifax declared, we are determined to strike unrelentingly at the common enemy.

(The Mediterranean Fleet and the R.A.F. had been proud to co-operate with the gallant defenders of Greece, by their means, said by Lord Halifax, the link between the two fronts was being strengthened.)

"We are doing and will continue to do all in our power to hasten the inevitable victory."

"It is too much to hope," he asked, "that once more the shock of the battle between Greece and Rome will eventually lead the people of Italy back to the paths of peaceful arts which they have been deflected by evil counsellers?"

#### BRITAIN'S DAILY EXPENDITURE

Britain's daily expenditure for the last week was \$11,400,000 which showed a drop of more than \$400,000, as compared with the previous week, states a London message.

### Vansittart's Broadcasts: Criticism In Commons: Answer By Mr. Churchill

Recent broadcasts by SIR ROBERT VANSITTART, Chief Diplomatic Adviser to the Foreign Secretary, indicating German aggressiveness throughout history brought criticism in the House of Commons yesterday, afternoon, states Reuter.

One Labour member demanded to know whether the broadcasts were made with the Government's approval and whether the declared policy that Britain desires nothing humiliating to the German people had been changed.

The Prime Minister, Mr. Churchill, answered in general terms that many interesting viewpoints were put forward in Britain without the Government being committed to them and Government, as well as Parliament, approved of this principle of free discussion within the limits of the law.

In the meantime the policy of the Government is declared by its responsible Ministers. A Conservative member asked whether it was not necessary or desirable that the Germans suffer the humiliation of defeat.

Mr. Churchill replied:—"We shall be content if they suffer defeat."

#### NO TRANSITORY REJOICING

LONDON, Dec. 17 (Reuter).—Britain is not going to be officially encouraged to indulge in transitory rejoicing about local victories. It was suggested in the House of Commons that any signal victory by land, sea or air be marked by flags on Government buildings and the public be invited to do likewise.

The Prime Minister remarked he did not recollect that we had any

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### Speculation Busy With Name Of Lloyd George For Washington Post

Reuter's Lobby correspondent writes from London that speculation remains very busy with the name of MR. DAVID LLOYD GEORGE as a possible successor to the late Lord Lothian in Washington but such reports may be discounted.

It is believed that such an appointment would be warmly welcomed in very high Government quarters.

One of the considerations advanced by advocates of this appointment is that Mr. Lloyd George while willing to serve the country would take to the United States any fruitful capacity, considers at a moment when it was most a younger man should receive the needed, his unrivalled knowledge, post.

of rapid acceleration in munitions production.

But all such arguments disregard the fact that Mr. Lloyd George is 78 years of age and in the view of many he cannot reasonably be expected to take

#### LOTHIAN'S ASHES

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17 (Reuter).—Lord Lothian's ashes were placed in a vault in the Arlington Cemetery with military honours in the presence of Mr. Cordell Hull, diplomat and official.



# ROTARIAN ADVOCATES A THOROUGH RE-ANALYSIS OF ECONOMIC SYSTEM

Speaking to the Rotary Club of Hongkong at their weekly (15th) meeting yesterday on the theme "Some Thoughts of an Amateur Economist," ROTARIAN H. L. DAWSON advocated a thorough re-analysis of the economic system now followed throughout the world and suggested that the present world war was brought about by a capitalist economy that was full of holes in the extreme and undemocratic even if practiced in democratic countries.

"There are conservative people in every age who think that unless things stay as they are, the whole social order may be smashed. Many of you may think that there is very little wrong with the present system, so let us examine a few examples, Rotarian Dawson said.

"The greatest money-maker in the history of the world was Rockefeller. His constructive work in building a great business must be admitted as must be his pioneering in the field of efficiency and honest administration. His vast donations to charity must be admitted for their broadness of conception and dignity of purpose.

**MANY CRITICISMS**  
"What then is there to criticize? He had many critics in his time, most of them unjustified. Let us go back to the year 1849 when America was aflame over the discovery of gold.

"Young John Rockefeller, just 10 years old, made an equally famous discovery for himself. He discovered interest.  
"One day he was told a farmer, near-by, wished to borrow \$50. The farmer was willing to pay seven per cent interest. This boy, wise in money beyond his years, loaned the grown man \$50.

"A year later the farmer handed John \$50 and three dollars and fifty cents interest along with it. The quiet, solemn-faced boy looked hard at that interest. He been hoeing potatoes for another man and had just been paid for the work. It amounted to 37½ cents a day, which was very good pay for a boy.

"As he looked at his interest-money an illuminating thought broke in his mind. This \$3.75 interest was as much as 10 days' pay. This \$50 had been working for him all through that year, night and day, and had earned for him as much as he could earn himself, working hard all day for ten full days. What if he had another \$50 at work and many of them. The discovery fascinated him. In later years he said: "From that time onward I determined to make money work for me."

**STILL INTACT**  
"He gave the Rockefeller Foundation alone over \$182 million and between 1922 and 1928 the Rockefeller Foundation gave away over \$141 million. After which the principal was still intact.

"In the first 40 years of his oil organization, the workers received in wages over \$800 million. In that same time Rockefeller and a few associates had drawn a sum equally as large in dividends and there still remained, as undistributed assets, a sum as large again, the property of Rockefeller and his colleagues.

"There seems to be something out of gear in a system that makes so disproportionate a distribution of the rewards of industry. Remember this all happened in spite of the fact that Rockefeller paid as good, if not better, wages than most of his contemporaries; and Rockefeller did not loot his enterprise through use medium or stock-jobbing operations, as most of his contemporaries did.

"His organization was looked upon, in the matter of administration and treatment of labour as capitalistic administration at its very best. But even at its best capitalism, as a system, may need adjustment.

"What of the public divided in the way of lower prices for oil? There is little evidence that Rockefeller's organization was ever actuated in his day by any overmastering desire to lower prices.

## "BABY COTTONWOOL"

As another example of the present economic system, Mr. Dawson suggested a fictitious example in "Miss Baby Cottonwool." She inherits a few million pounds from her father and, by reason of her wealth alone, establishes not only for herself but for her great-grandchildren, an institution, a claim to be supported by the community in perpetual idleness and luxury, without contributing any further effort towards the common benefit.

# ONE-ACT PLAYS IN AID OF "BOMBER FUND"

Fine Performances At St. Andrew's

St. Andrew's Church Hall was packed to capacity last night when the St. Andrew's Club staged three one-act plays, in aid of the "Bomber Fund."

"Murder at the Bugginses," a comedy-thriller, was very well presented and thoroughly deserved the ovation it received. Among the cast was its producer, Mr. A. C. Jeffreys who took the part of Pa Buggins. Robina Andrews was Grandma, and Rita Cole Mrs. Buggins.

Others in the cast were Grace Darby as Emma, Dora Lanchester as Miss Meekin the Sunday School teacher, Dorothy Shaw and Dorothy Wilson as the two neighbours, Mrs. Teggins and Mrs. Molar, and Ralph Spenceclay and Leslie Millington as Ern Wilson and Charlie Daggs, friends of the "Old Man."

## FINE PERFORMANCE

"It is quicker to telephone" kept the audience in constant laughter and the players, Janet Broadbridge, John Moulton, Charles Thom, and Rita Cole, are to be congratulated on giving such a fine performance. "Send her victorious," produced by Mr. Stanley Tafford, was on a more serious theme and tells of but why spoil the enjoyment of those who intend to see these plays on Thursday, Dec. 19, by diverting the theme of this charming play? Suffice it to say that all those taking part—Leslie Goodwin, Ralph Dormer, Iris Joyce, Rupert Baldwin, and Aletia Hirst—played their respective characters exceedingly well, and fully deserved the applause accorded them.

## DONATIONS TO H.K. ANTI-T.B. ASSCN.

The Hongkong Anti-Tuberculosis Association acknowledges with thanks the following donations and subscriptions:—  
Hon. Philip Samuel \$100, Mr. Li Po Kwai 100, Mr. J. E. Joseph 100, Dr. G. W. Pope 5, Dr. H. H. Tai 5, Dr. T. W. Ware 5, Condemnation Life Association 5, Dr. J. M. Gray 5, Mr. M. R. Deb 5, Dr. T. M. (Sai) 5, Dr. Teng Pin Hui 5, Dr. R. M. Alderton 5, Mr. J. G. Hooper 5, Mr. W. J. Carlie 5, Dr. G. E. Yeoh 5, Dr. C. C. Petrovsky 5, Dr. P. P. Kuo 5, Dr. W. C. Woo 5, Mr. Lam Shu Kwong 5, Mr. J. H. Gelling 5, Mr. A. H. Bentley 5, Mr. Peter S. Wong 5, Mr. J. M. Reidy 5, Mr. G. E. Harrison 5, Dr. Wong Hok Nin 5, Mr. E. M. Raymond 5.

gifts and accomplishments possessed by the deceased lady.

A great part of her extremely active life was devoted to the healing and comforting of those in need of moral and material aid or guidance or in mitigating the sufferings of all those—and there were many—who appealed to her for help.

Her benefactions were widely distributed, many of them unknown to others until after the lady's death, and were always given with kindness and simplicity and to a large extent with complete anonymity, while the assistance given by her to those the needy was never begrudged, regardless of the station of life of those who appealed to her for assistance.

With the passing of this lady, Macao has lost not only one of its most gifted and distinguished citizens but also a friend of the whole community, as shown by the enormous attendance at the funeral and the memorial service which took place for the repose of her soul.

In one of the articles which appeared in the Macao "A Voz de Macao" in honour of the late Mrs. Gellion the writer lays stress on the fact that "Providence, to whom the great qualities, which were such an important part of her being were known, has so ordained that she has been called to a well-earned rest, and eternal happiness and this thought should help to console and comfort the bereaved husband in the heavy loss which he has suffered by the loss of his good and devoted companion for so many years, while to the family and all her friends her memory will remain always as a name engraved in letters of gold because of the truly great and fine qualities of her heart and character.

## AN APPRECIATION

Mrs. F. J. Gellion

A memorial service in honour of the late Madame Gellion took place at the Penha Church on Saturday, Dec. 14, and was attended by the leading residents of the Colony, among them His Excellency the Governor of Macao, Commander Gabriel Teixeira and Madame Teixeira, and many others. The service was conducted by His Lord the Bishop of Macao, D. Jose da Costa Nunes.

The late Mrs. Maria da Piedade Telles de Menezes Gellion who passed away on Dec. at her residence "Skyline," from a heart attack, following a relatively short illness, was well known all over the Far East, and the Macao press continue to publish appreciations of the deceased lady, while telegraphic messages of condolence with her bereaved husband Mr. F. J. Gellion, General Manager of the Macao Electric Lighting Company, Limited, and the Macao Water Supply Company, Ltd., and Vice Consul for Great Britain, have been received from the wide circle of friends of the late Mrs. Gellion, throughout the Far East, as well as from friends and relatives in the U. S. A., Portugal and England.

Mrs. Gellion was a member of the old Portuguese nobility and a lady in the highest sense of the term, and linked with her distinguished descent she possessed extraordinary qualities of mind and character, and the Macao press point out her nobility of purpose, self-abnegation, and generosity all in conjunction with the great personal charm and exceptional

## C.C.C. ELEVENS FOR SATURDAY

The following will represent the Craigshaw First and Second teams against the Indian Recreation Club on Saturday, Dec. 21, at 2 p.m.

C.C.C. 1st XI (Home):—G. Souza, A. K. Small, B. I. Billimoria, A. J. Hulze, B. R. Iranee, A. B. Hanson, E. A. Lee, W. Hong Sling, J. L. Youngsaye and M. C. Iung. Reserve, E. H. Esmail.  
C.C.C. 2nd XI (Away):—A. M. Omar, A. Hung, J. W. Leonard, W. K. Way, S. Leonard, N. Broadbridge, T. Lock, O. M. Omar, U. H. Ismail, E. Mitchell, and C. W. Lam. Reserves, T. Edgar and L. Choa.

## Navy Quadrangular Rugger XV

The following will represent the Royal Navy in the Quadrangular Tournament against the Club on Saturday, Dec. 21, at the Navy ground, kick-off at 1 p.m.  
Lt. Morahan, S/Lt. McGill, Tel. Hoehewill, A/Lt. Tel. Paul, A/Lt. Tel. Bowden, Mid. O'Brien, Lt. Rutherford, S/Lt. Winter, Lt. Watson (Capt.), Sergeant Manfield, C.P.O. W. King, F/Lt. Taylor, A.B. Longmuir, S/Lt. Beattie, S/Lt. Poole.

RESERVES:—S/Lt. Kennedy, Cdt. Lambie, L.S.A. Palmer, Lt. (E.) Brown, L.A.C. Stockham.

## FRIENDLY GAME

On the same day Navy "A" will meet the Club in a friendly match at the Club ground, kick-off at 2.45 p.m., and will be represented by the following:  
F/Lt. W. King, S/Lt. Kennedy (Capt.), A. Milley, P.O. Wilson, P.O. Sking, Cadet Lambie, A.B. Rees, L.S.A. Palmer, S/Lt. Richards, P.O. Jones, L.A.C. Stockham, P.O. Baugh, S/Lt. Carey, S/Lt. Eager.

## COTTAGE CLUB XMAS HUNT

### Cavalcade Arranged For Boxing Day

The Cottage Club paper-hunt for "The President's Cup", which it is hoped to make an annual event will take place on the afternoon of Christmas Day, Dec. 25, starting from the Club House.

There will be a draw for ponies by members of the Cottage Club at 3.30 p.m. and the hunt will move off at 4 p.m.

The participation of non-members, who can provide their own ponies, is cordially invited and invitations in this connection have been despatched to other hunt and riding clubs, individual riders will also be very welcome.

In addition to the "PRESIDENT'S CUP", which will be presented to the winner of the hunt, there will also be a "Ladies' Cup" for the first lady home and a cup for the second rider to finish the course.

## TIFFIN PARTY

On Boxing Day, the Cottage Club is holding its annual Xmas tiffin party at 1 p.m. and the President and Committee will welcome members, their families and their friends.

A cavalcade has been arranged for Boxing Day morning at 11 a.m. to return at 1 p.m. and ponies will be drawn for at the Club.

Ldg. Sigs. Mitchell, Mid. Murray, Jones.

RESERVES:—P.O. Clough, S/Lt. Danger, L.A.C. Gracie, A.B. Smith, S/Lt. Sumner, Cadet Thornhill, S/Lt. Eager.

## SPORTING FIXTURES

**TODAY**  
BADMINTON.—"B" DIVISION: Section "A." J.R.C. v. King's College; V.R.C. v. Chung Wah. Section "B." St. John's v. Police; K.C.C. v. Kowloon Stars.  
HILLIARDS.—Garrison League, U. M. Police v. R.A.S.C., 5th A.A. Regt. v. R.A.P.C., 12th Heavy Regt. v. Signals, Fortress, R.E. v. R.A.M.C., R.A.O.C. v. Royal Scots. HOCKEY.—Royal Corps of Signals v. Destroyers, Navy Ground, King's Park, 2.30 p.m.  
RIFLE SHOOTING.—Hongkong Rifle Association, Spoon and Practice Shoot, at Kowloon City, 1.45 p.m.  
RUGBY.—Club "A" v. Navy, Club ground, 1.45 p.m.  
SWIMMING.—Y.M.C.A. Swimming and Swimming Instruction.  
**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 20**  
MEETING.—Annual, of Royal

Hongkong Golf Club, at Jardine Matheson's Office, 5.15 p.m.

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 21**  
FOOTBALL.—First Division: Eastern v. Middlesex (Caroline Hill), St. Joseph's v. Royal Scots (St. Joseph's), Kwong Wah v. Kowloon (Boundary Street), Club v. Navy (Club), 4 p.m. Second Division: Ordnance v. Sing. Tab (Military), 2.30 p.m. Navy v. Kowloon (St. Joseph's), 2.30 p.m. South China v. Middlesex (Caroline Hill), 2.30 p.m. Kwong Wah v. Royal Scots (Boundary Street), 2.30 p.m. Club v. Service Corps (Club), 2.30 p.m. Third Division: Signals v. Air Force (Chatham Road), 4 p.m. 35th R.A. v. International (Sookun-poo), 2.30 p.m. 7th R.A. v. 12th R.A. (Military), 4 p.m. Engineers v. 20th R.A. (Sookun-poo), 4 p.m.

## FORTHCOMING MARRIAGES

The following forthcoming weddings are announced:  
Mr. Ng Yu-tan, merchant, residing at No. 83, Prince Edward Road, and Miss Ho Sin-ye of No. 12, Kiliung Street.

Mr. Tsui Tun-wo, of the China Products Co., Ltd., residing at No. 14, Salkung Street, Kowloon City, and Miss Wong Man-ning of No. 312, Canton Road.

Mr. Tse Ki-shum, rice merchant, residing at No. 28, Poplar Street, and Miss Wong Hui-yu of No. 152 Gloucester Road.

Mr. M. C. Chan, schoolmaster, of No. 14, St. Francis Street, and Miss Lee Yuet-chu of No. 112, Fa Yuen Street, Kowloon.

## GARRISON BILLIARDS FIXTURES

The following are today's fixtures in the Garrison Billiards Tournament:—  
C.M. Police v. R.A.S.C.; 5th A.A. v. R.A.P.C.; 12th Hvy. Regt. v. Royal Signals; Fortress, R.E. v. R.A.M.C.; R.A.O.C. v. 2/Royal Scots.

## CHESS RESULTS

The following were the results of matches in the Junior Tournament of the Kowloon Chess Club championship played yesterday:—J. Grefalda beat V. V. Ko'atsoff; Th. Laufer beat A. C. Mitchell; J. H. D'Almeida beat S. Benjamin and (in another game) S. Benjamin beat J. H. D'Almeida.

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Medical and sanitary services of the Colony have the provision of \$3,307,770. For education the sum of \$3,272,124 is provided.

The total sum of \$8,694,797 is provided for public works.

### COMING EVENTS

DEC. 18—Tides: High 12.32 p.m. and 11.55 p.m. Low 5.53 a.m. and 4.31 p.m. Sunrise: 6.37 a.m.; Sunset: 5.43 p.m. Ladies' Working Party (B.W.O.P.), Govt. House, 9 a.m.—12 noon.

Y.M.O.A. War Work, 9—12 noon.

Swimming: Chess Night, 8 p.m.

Cheero Club, Christmas Party and Dance, 8.30 p.m.

H.K. Reel Club Practice, Helena May Inst., 8 p.m.

Chinese Handicraft Society, Charity Bazaar, Chinese Chamber of Commerce, 9 a.m.—7 p.m.

Volunteer Nursing Detachment, Lecture on Home Nursing at Headquarters, Garden Road, 8.30 p.m.

S. and S. Home: House Committee Meeting, 5.30 p.m.

19—Tides: High 1.24 p.m. and 11.50 p.m. Low 6.40 a.m. and 5.16 p.m. Sunrise: 6.37 a.m.; Sunset: 5.43 p.m. H.K. Y's Men's Club Tiffin Meeting, 1 p.m.

St. Andrew's Club dramatic performance, 9 p.m.

Physical Training Competition for Kowloon Schools, Kowloon P.C., 9 a.m.

Presentation of Insignia at Government House, 5 p.m.

H.K. Singers' Concert, Peninsula Hotel, 9.30 p.m.

Cheero Club, Bridge and Mahjong Chinese Art Exhibition at Hotel Cecil.

Crown Land Sale, Land Office, Ping Shan, 11.30 a.m.

Sale of Ponies, Race Course Paddock, 5.15 p.m.

Husband's Evacuation Committee Meeting, Gloucester Hotel, 12.15 p.m.

Victoria Chess Club, Gloucester Hotel, 8 p.m.

Kowloon Chess Club, Senior Championships, Exhibition of Pictures, Hotel Cecil, 11 a.m.

20—Tides: High 2.10 p.m. Low 7.25 a.m. and 6.15 p.m. Sunrise: 6.38 a.m.; Sunset: 5.43 p.m. Royal Hongkong Golf Club, Annual Meeting (Jardine Matheson's Office), 5.15 p.m.

Ladies' Working Party (B.W.O.P.), Govt. House, 9 a.m.—12 noon.

Inter-School Physical Training Competition, Hongkong Football Club Ground, 11.30 a.m.

Cheero Club, Darts and Table Tennis.

Compulsory Service Tribunal, 4 p.m.

Annual Gift Day in Aid of Salvation Army Home for Women & Girls, Exposition of Chinese Calligraphy, Ping Shan Library, 10 a.m.—4 p.m.

21—Tides: High 12.46 a.m. and 5.06 p.m. Low 6.15 a.m. and 7.30 p.m. Sunrise: 6.38 a.m.; Sunset: 5.44 p.m.

Central British Assn. Supper Dance, Peninsula Hotel, 9 p.m.

China Light and Power Co., Ltd. Annual Meeting, St. Andrew's Building, 12 noon.

Claims against estate of Wong Yee due.

Inspection of Air Raid Wardens by H.E. the Acting Governor, 3.30 p.m.

Government-Trained Teachers' Union Supper Dance, Hongkong Hotel, 8 p.m.

H.K. University Union, Annual Gymnastic and Drill Display, 9 p.m.

22—Tides: High 1.55 a.m. and 4 p.m. Low 7.45 a.m. and 9.26 p.m. Sunrise: 6.39 a.m.; Sunset: 5.44 p.m.

H.K. Golf Championship, Final, Chinese Products Exhibition, Kowloon.

Charity football, 2.30 and 4 p.m. Causeway Bay.

Y.M.O.A. Discussion Group, 8 p.m.

Christmas concert, Univ. Great Hall, 9 p.m.

23—Tides: High 3.24 a.m. and 4.53 p.m. Low 10 a.m. and 11.25 p.m. Sunrise: 6.39 a.m.; Sunset: 5.45 p.m.

Ladies' Working Party (B.W.O.P.), Govt. House, 9 a.m.—12 noon.

St. Andrew's Club Christmas Carnival Party.

24—Tides: High 5 a.m. and 5.42 p.m. Low 10.53 a.m. Sunrise: 6.40 a.m.; Sunset: 5.46 p.m.

Christmas Eve.

H.K. Rotary Club Tiffin Meeting, 1 p.m.

Claims against estate of Plinio Tinoco due.

25—Tides: High 6.30 a.m. and 6.30 p.m. Low 12.43 a.m. and 11.43 a.m. Sunrise: 7 a.m.; Sunset: 5.46 p.m.

Christmas Day.

International Charity Cup Soccer, Scotland v. China (Boundary St.).

26—Tides: High 7.50 a.m. and 7.15 p.m. Low 1.40 a.m. and 12.32 p.m. Sunrise: 7.01 a.m.; Sunset: 5.47 p.m.

Boxing Day.

Kwong Race Meeting.

International Charity Cup Soccer, Portugal v. England (Kowloon P.C.).

### Radio Programmes

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#### FOURTH TALK BY FATHER RYAN ON "BRITISH DRAMATISTS"

London Relays  
12.15 p.m. Short Service of Intercession.

12.30 Betty Driver (Vocal) and George Scott: Wood's The Six Swingers.

Fox-Trot—Swing and Sway; Quickstep—You're An Education—The Six Swingers. I've Got A Hunch (Glen Let's be Famous)—Betty Driver (Vocal) with Orchestra. Fox-Trot—Georgina: Night Time In Cairo—The Six Swingers. I Love To Whistle (Glen Let's be Famous)—Betty Driver (Vocal) with Orchestra. Quickstep—The Sloop; So You Left Me for the Leader of a Swing Band—The Six Swingers.

1.00 Local Time Signal and Weather Report.

1.03 Billy Mayerl at the Piano.

Six Miniatures—Billy Mayerl's Own Selection—Intro; Beside a Rustic Bridge; Little Lady from Spain; A May Morning; Many Years Ago; My Party Frock; Air de Ballet. Billy Mayerl's Memories—Intro: Sweet William, Green Tulips; Marigold; Chopsticks; Ace of Spades; Ace of Diamonds; Bats in the Belfry.

1.15 Victor Shvetsky and His Ballroom Orchestra.

Quickstep—Cathedral in the Pines; Waltz—The First Noel. The Whistler and His (Prayer); Saman (Robrecht).

1.30 Buster and Ruth: Weather Forecast and Local Stock Quotations.

1.45 Dvorak—Quintet in F Major, Op. 51.

1st Mov: Allegro ma non troppo; 2nd Mov: Dumka (The Andante con moto—Vivace—Andante con moto—Andante con moto—Finale (Allegro assai)—Spring Quartet.

2.15 Close down.

2.30 Closing Local Stock Quotations.

2.32 Compositions of Brahms.

Tragic Overture, Op. 81—The B.B.C. Symphony Orchestra cond. by Arturo Toscanini. Intermezzo in E Flat Major, Op. 117, No. 1—Wilhelm Backhaus (Piano). In Silent Night; Little Sandman—Comedy Harmonists. Intermezzo in E Flat Major, Op. 117, No. 2—Wilhelm Backhaus (Piano).

7.00 London Relay—The News.

7.15 London Relay—Questions of the Hour.

7.30 London Relay—The Louisiana Bay Variety.

8.30 Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.

8.45 A Programme of Early English Music.

Air and Hornpipe (Purcell)—Edith Penning (Flute) with Piano. Suite

#### JUNGLE THRILLER AT MAJESTIC

"Tarzan And The Green Goddess"

There have been thrill dramas with variegated backgrounds without number flashed across local movie screens in recent months but none quite measures comparably with "Tarzan and the Green Goddess," the latest of the Edgar Rice Burroughs' tales to be picture.

This latest exploit of Burroughs' familiar jungle hero comes to the screen of the Majestic Theatre tomorrow and is packed with sheer thrills of the type that keeps one gripping firmly to his seat from the opening sequence to the final fade-out.

An entire expedition trekked to the dense jungles of Guatemala where much of the action takes place and the combination of the wooded darkness, jungle beasts and savage intrigue aid in supplying the fast-paced plot with its multitude of excitement.

And, as if that weren't sufficient, the producers bring the story to its thrilling climax with one of the most tempestuous ocean storms—with all the principal's aboard an antiquated four-master—ever witnessed.

Herman Brix, ex-Olympic athlete and college football hero, fills the title role with all the adequate conception of the familiar Tarzan character and is admirably sufficient in the dramatic and romantic episodes of the story. Others who aid in unfolding the plot of "Tarzan and the Green Goddess" include: Ma. Nol; Frank Baker; Don Castle; Lew Sergeant; and Jack Mower.

#### for Strings (Purcell), arr. Barbirolli

1st Mov: Andante maestoso (quasi adagio)—Allegro; 2nd Mov: Tempo di Minuetto; 3rd Mov: Andantino; 4th Mov: Largo; 5th Mov: Allegretto giocoso; 6th Mov: Allegro—Philharmonic Symphony Orchestra of New York cond. by John Barbirolli. Where the Bee Sucks (Shakespeare-Arne)—Elizabeth Schumann (Soprano) with Piano accomp. Chaconne (Purcell)—Society of Ancient Instrumentists.

8.50 Studio—British Dramatists' No. 4: Sheridan.

Talk by Father T. Ryan, S.J.

8.50 Songs by Dennis Noble (Baritone).

Famous Ballads by Frederick Weatherly—Intro: The Midshipmite; The Veteran's Song; Mountain Lover; Friend O Mine; Sergeant of the Line; The Deathless Army; Up from Somerset; Nirvana; Star of Bethlehem.

8.59 London Relay—The News and News Commentary.

9.30 London Relay—Talk: To Talk of Many Things.

8.45 Musical Comedy Selections.

"Rose Marie"—Selection (Prima)—New Mayfair Orchestra.

"Through"—Vocal Gems (De Sylva Brown, Henderson); "Rio Rita"—Vocal Gems (McCarthy and Tierney).

Light Opera Company with Orchestra. "Music in the Air"—Selection (Hammerstein 2nd and Kern)—New Mayfair Orchestra.

10.10 Dance Music.

Quickstep—Somebody Stole My Gal; Fox-Trot—Ain't She Sweet?—Brian Lawrence and His Quartet. Tango—Hours and Days, On Wings of Dreams—Eugen Wolff and His Orchestra. Swing Fox-Trot—Junk Man's Serenade; Ja-Da—Oyle Alston and His Orchestra. Rumba—Rumba Tambora; The Lady in Red—Gerald and His Rumba Orchestra. Fox-Trot—Tell Me With Your Kisses; Love Doesn't Grow on Trees (Glen Let's be Famous)—Gene Krupa and His Orchestra. Tango—La Malena; Vleja Amiga—Orquesta Tipica Francisco Canaro. Fox-Trot—Hurry Home; Between a Kiss and a Sigh—Kay Kyser and His Orchestra. Waltz—I'm Forever Blowing Bubbles; Mammy's Lullaby—The Green Brothers' Mambo Band.

11.00 Close down.

#### SHORT WAVE

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#### NEWS IN ENGLISH

Transmission I—News Summary 4.00 p.m.

Pull Bulletin 5.00 p.m.

Transmission V—News Summary 5.45 p.m.

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## ITALIANS DRIVEN FROM LAST STRONGHOLD IN EGYPT

### Capuzzo Captured: Sollum Encircled By British

CAIRO, Dec. 17 (REUTERS)—EIGHT DAYS AFTER THE START OF THE BRITISH OFFENSIVE IN THE WESTERN DESERT the Italians have been driven from their last stronghold in Egypt and their strongly fortified fort at Capuzzo, some miles inside the Libyan frontier, has been captured by the British Imperial forces. Capuzzo was the scene of sharp fighting early this year when it changed hands several times.

Desperate fighting accompanied the struggle for possession of Halfiya (Hell Fire) Pass which winds through the escarpment overlooking Sollum. The Pass was finally taken when the British stormed and captured the Italian camp on the summit. The seizing of Sollum may prove an important factor in the continuation of the campaign as vessels landing supplies are able to get close ashore.

A Reuters message from London says that Marshal Graziani's troops are strongly entrenched in Sollum which is just inside Egypt, and that British forces have encircled them and sweeping on across the Libyan frontier.

Meanwhile, the R.A.F. continues to hammer the enemy's bases. Including Bardia, which may be the next objective of the Army of the Nile.

### VIVID STORY OF ADVANCE

CAIRO, Dec. 17 (Reuters)—A vivid story of a trip of five days across the Western Desert by a band of picked Australian cameramen trying to catch up with the Imperial troops was told me by Captain Frank Hurley, official cameraman with the Australian Forces in the Near East, who has made a complete film record of the offensive, writes Reuters's correspondent with the Army of the Nile.

Captain Hurley, who acted as official photographer in France in the last war and made five trips to the South Pole with Shackleton and Mawson, described how, after driving 40 miles, they found a camp full of some 2,000 miserable Libyan prisoners guarded by a score of Tommies.

A Sergeant Major was watering the prisoners in batches of 20 from a disused Roman well cut in solid rock.

### UNFORGETTABLE SIGHT

Hurley described the Nibelwa camp as an unforgettable sight, silent as a grave. Everybody had moved on except two British Tommies left in charge of British tanks damaged in action.

Italian dead lay all around, their bodies caked in dust. Hurley counted 38 Italian tanks—some smashed, others abandoned and damaged. Stray mules and

dogs were prowling round a dump of ammunition and stores.

Near Nibelwa, the party came across another camp holding at least 7,000 or 8,000 Italian prisoners, sitting in groups, laughing and smoking.

Captain Hurley described the Italians as well-fed, clothed and shod, contrasting with the Libyans.

### SCENES OF CONFUSION

Similar scenes of confusion met the eyes of the party at the Italian camp at Tumma just south of Sidi Barrani. Field guns were lying all over the place and the Italian officers had left so hurriedly that even their valises were left behind.

Capt. Hurley concluded: "We pelted on in an endeavour to catch up with the battle but the Imperial forces were moving at the rate of 50 miles a day. Then we heard the roar of naval guns bombarding Sidi Barrani."

### GREATEST COLONIAL BATTLE

LONDON, Dec. 17 (Reuters)—"The greatest colonial battle in history" is how the Giornale d'Italia describes the military operations in North Africa.

Significantly emphasising British strength in North Africa, the newspaper declares: "The British Command has launched in battle 300,000 men from the four corners of the Empire and 800 armoured cars and tanks."

It adds: "With such powerful means, the most powerful empire in the world believes that it can render hors-de-combat one of the peoples of the Axis. The events of the next few days will prove that this is an erroneous calculation."

### SEPARATE PEACE

Replying to a question by an American journalist who spoke of the advantages to Britain of a separate peace with Italy, the Giornale d'Italia declares: "Italy is unshakably at its fighting post and will not withdraw."

## EXCURSIONS OF PIRATES

### VICHY STATEMENT ON INDO-CHINA INCIDENTS

VICHY, Dec. 17 (Reuters)—The integrity of Indo-China is to be maintained absolutely intact says a statement issued yesterday by the French Ministry of Colonies in connexion with the Thailand frontier incidents.

Complaining about frequent border raids in which "intolerable attacks on Indo-Chinese persons and property" were made and French and natives even killed; and recalling that Thai planes bombed several Indo-Chinese localities, the official statement says that as reprisal Indo-Chinese aircraft "dropped bombs on an equivalent number of Siamese localities."

The statement concludes that "the Government of Thailand will doubtless not delay in reducing to order these unfortunate excursions of pirates or leaders of military units" at a distance from Bangkok.

## RESTLESSNESS IN SYRIA

### Appointment Of Gen. Dentz Disapproved

LONDON, Dec. 17 (Reuters)—The nomination of General Dentz as French High Commissioner for Syria and Lebanon caused some restlessness in these territories, according to information reaching the French news agency.

Sabotage of railways and in fact several reported. Despite several appeals General De Gaulle's appeal was distributed throughout Syria and Lebanon.

It is also noteworthy, state the Free French Agency, that the present restlessness coincides with the reorganising of administrative services in mandated territory.

## Capture Of Tepelini Imminent

### ITALIAN GENERAL TAKEN PRISONER

LONDON, Dec. 17 (Reuters)—Another Italian General has been taken prisoner by the Greeks in the fighting in Albania. According to an Athens report a General, a Colonel and other officers have been taken prisoner or fell in battle during the capture of a height in the southern sector.

The Greeks are maintaining pressure on all the other fronts and attacking with violence. Another height of strategic importance is reported to have been taken. Many prisoners are being taken together with considerable quantities of war material.

One report from the front states that reinforcements from Italy are being straight into battle without preliminary organisation—a possible indication of Italian weakness.

ITALIAN SUPPLY PROBLEM  
The Italians are finding it increasingly difficult to make full use of the port of Valona, which is being raided incessantly by the R.A.F. Much damage has been caused and the supply problem is causing the Italians grave anxiety.

Greek advance towards Tepelini is reported and the fall of this important town is regarded as imminent. The Greeks are moving to outflank the Italian line of defence in this sector.

## Vicious S'hai Murder

### FRENCH LEGAL ADVISER SHOT NEAR HOME

SHANGHAI, Dec. 17 (Reuters)—M. E. d'Hooghe, legal adviser to the French Municipal Council and one of the leading French citizens, was shot dead by a Chinese near his home in the French Concession yesterday evening in one of the most vicious and sensational murders in Shanghai's history.

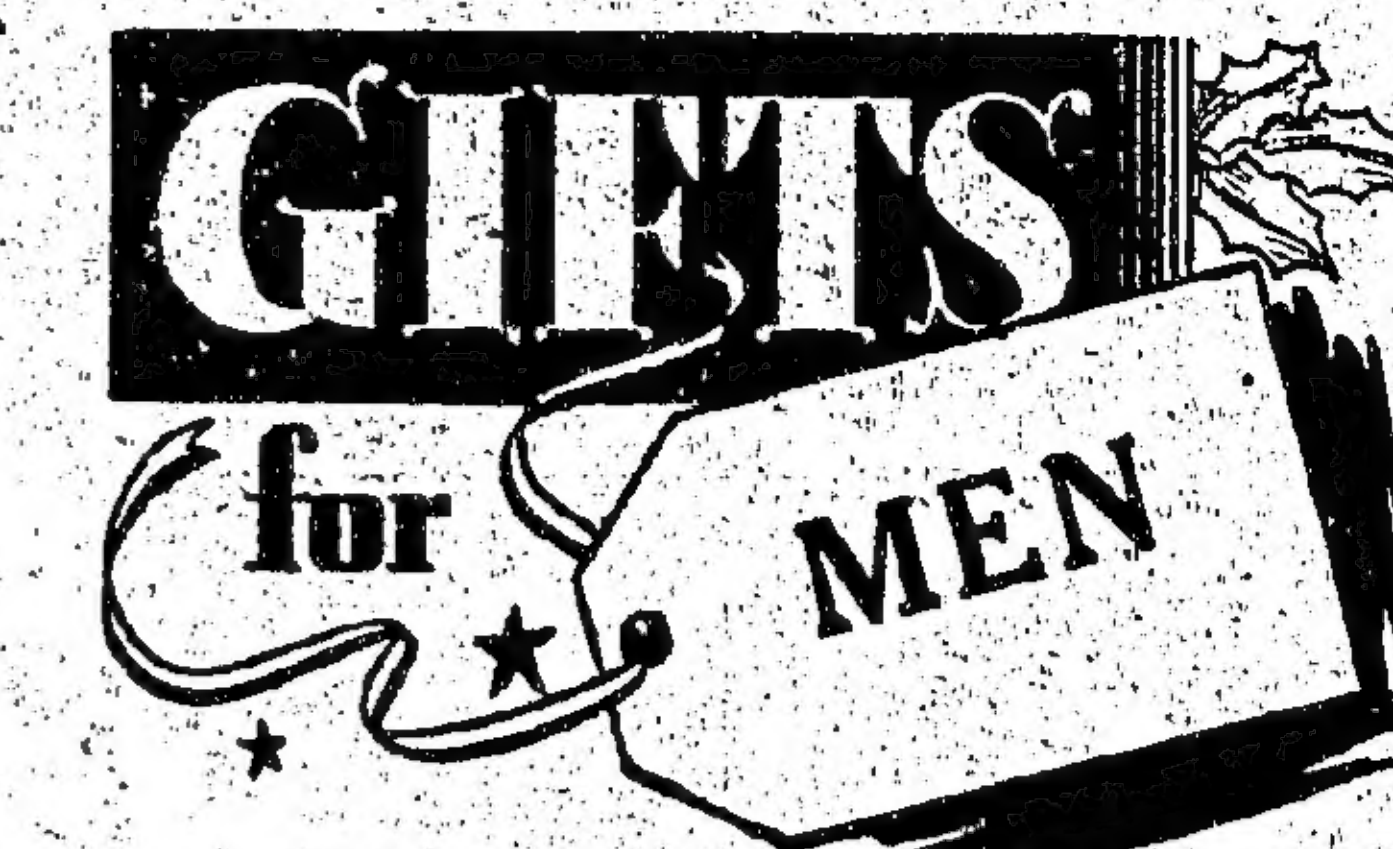
M. d'Hooghe was a Judge in the French Consular Court till 1932.

It is not known whether the murder was occasioned by political motives, but the city was shocked by the crime.

As legal adviser d'Hooghe had a leading part in the negotiations which resulted in the recent transfer of the two Chinese Courts in the French Concession to the jurisdiction of the Nanking regime.

The gunman made good his escape.

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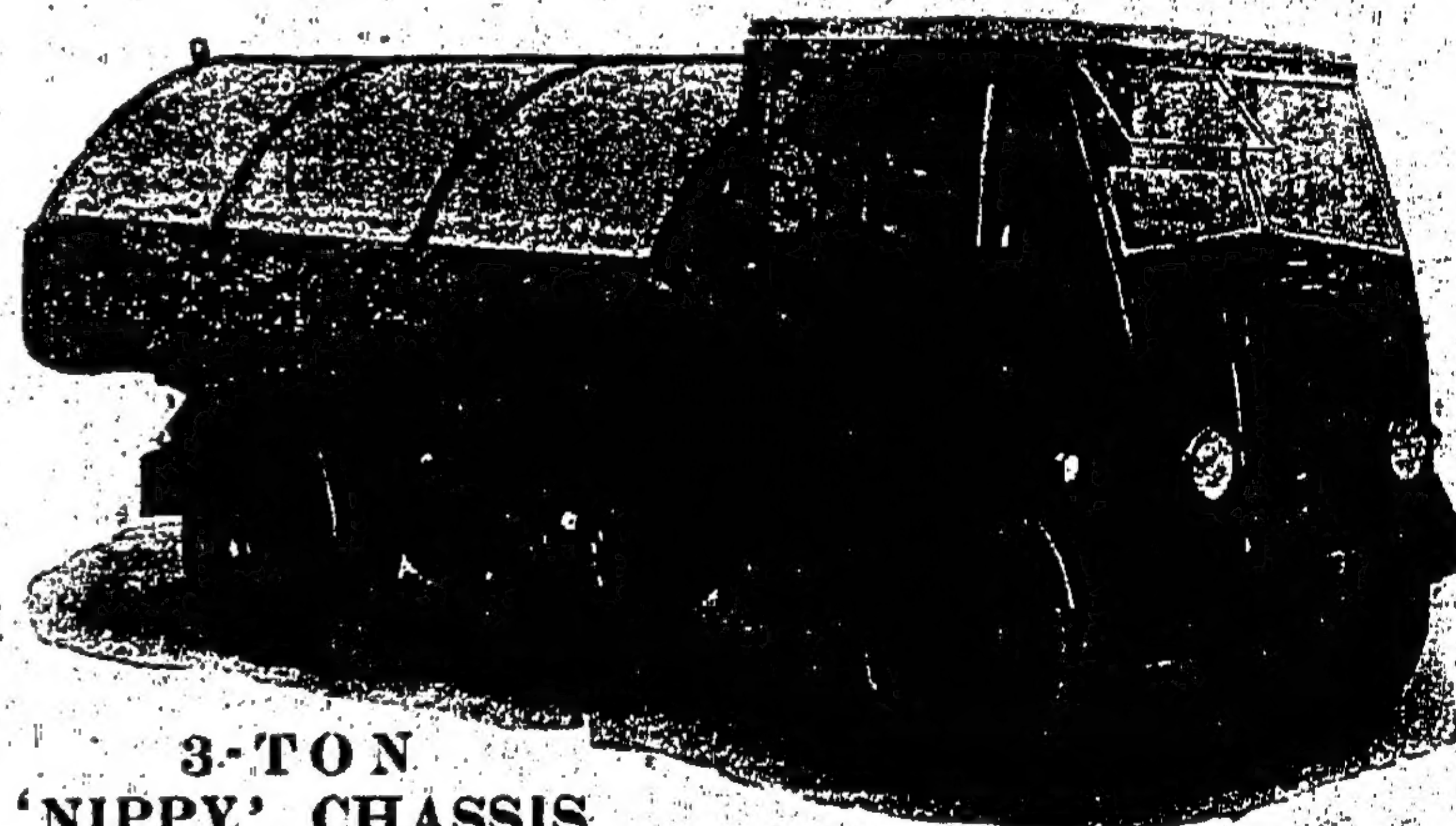
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## We Are Not Down-Hearted, Says Bristol

### KING TOURS CITY'S DEVASTATED AREAS

LONDON, Dec. 17 (Reuters)—Standing on a heap of blackened ruins in Bristol yesterday, His Majesty the King talked to a woman whose home lay in ruins.

The woman, carrying a baby daughter in her arms, told the King how she, with three other daughters and a baby, was buried for hours beneath tons of bricks, tiles and broken glass when Bristol had its big bombing attack recently.

The King travelled several miles through the city to see the devastation caused by recent raids, and at several points where he left his car, he was completely surrounded by cheering men and women, many of whom shouted "We are not down-hearted. God bless Your Majesty."

### CHEERED BY STUDENTS

The tour included a visit to Bristol University, where the King inspected the damage to the Great Hall and was cheered by a crowd of men and women students.

His Majesty also had a meeting with his mother, Queen Mary, who is now living in the West Country, and who gave the King her good wishes on his birthday.

### SAVAGE ATTACKS

Savage machine-gunning attacks on Britain were carried out by German planes yesterday. Their "targets" included an east coast light ship, a town in East Anglia, a railway train and boys cycling to school. Some of the boys were injured.

## Down-Hearted, Says Bristol

### CASH GIFTS TO BRITAIN ADVOCATED

### MRS. ROOSEVELT ON PAST MISTAKES

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17 (Reuters)—Outright cash gifts to Britain rather than loans, were advocated by Mrs. Roosevelt at a press conference yesterday.

Asked where such a gift would come from, she replied: "From Government," adding, "ultimately they would come from the pockets of you and me."

"A certain number of people," she continued, "are under the impression that we are giving aid to England, but we must face the reality. We are being paid."

### INDUSTRY STIMULATED

She added that gifts would be less likely to involve the United States in war than would loans. Sending supplies to Britain had been helpful to the United States in that it had helped to stimulate industry in the interests of the United States National Defence.

"We do not see that there must be a reason to talk about loans. We should not make the mistakes we made the last time."

Mrs. Roosevelt nodded when asked if she meant that these loans were not repaid.

### FORMAL BRITISH REQUEST

Another message stated that Britain has formally requested financial assistance from the United States. It is learned from a high official source who refused to be quoted.

The amount and the exact nature of the request would not be disclosed but it is hinted it could not be defined as an application for a "loan."



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## ROUND THE SHOPS AT CHRISTMAS

### GIFT PROBLEMS SOLVED

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But the problem arises, what to give Dick and Tom and the Atkins's son, or Timothy or Aunt Martha or that little brat of a girl who makes so uncomfortable your mahjong and bridge visits at the Willkins' place. These problems have all to be solved, and the suggestions below are yours for perusal.

#### TOYLAND FOR KIDDIES

First, of course, remember the children. Toys always please, and there is no better selection of these than at the SINCERE EMPORIUM'S TOYLAND. Take the kids along with you to get an idea as to what they are particularly keen on and take them to "Aqualand" on the second floor.

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Christmas is not only for the children. The grown-ups are also to be remembered. Dad and Uncle Jim are two people not to be forgotten under any circumstances, and to please them there are a score of attractive suggestions to be considered.

#### TOBACCO AND WINES

First, tobacco and wines. The TABAQUERIA FILIPINA has much that is attractive to offer in the former line. All cigars and cigarettes go out in special Xmas boxes for the duration of the Yuletide season. For more lasting presents, there are cigarette and cigar cases of all makes and prices.

A good suggestion is a tobacco chest for the bachelor who has a fondness for every one of his dozen pipes and no good place to keep them. There are also some smart looking table lighter sets, while ash-trays may be had in a number of styles, including the Donald Duck ash-tray that would be an attractive decoration in any room. A barrelful of Alhambra's would also be much appreciated in many quarters.

#### IN THE LINE OF BEERS

Then the wines. In the line of beers, there is a newcomer to the local market that is bound to please and has come to stay. L. RONDON & CO. have acquired the distributing rights to this new imported beer, brewed in Melbourne by the Carlton and United Breweries, Ltd.

A first choice among lovers of good beers in the Antipodes, Foster's Lager is bound to please and a case of it will make a good Christmas offering of goodwill and will be well-remembered. Grant's Whisky is another suggestion not to be overlooked, while Schlitz beer is still "tops" with a good number of people.

#### GRANT'S IS THE CHOICE

No true Scotsman, 'tis said, would frown at Grant's, and certainly not when it comes at Christmas. To one who would want to melt a Highland heart, it is scarcely necessary to digress from here. Grant's is the choice most of the time, and even with a good proportion of Lowlanders and all other good friends in the spirit of "Auld Lang Syne."

To some who will want to go further and remember those who are away, or isolated from the community of friends, or just lovers of good wines and happy to be remembered, there is nothing more suitable of offering than a Christmas and New Year Hamper. DODWELL'S wine department will take care of this for you, even to special hampers made to suit your own or your friend's particular requirements.

Another good whisky on the market and a favourite of a great number of people is Dewar's "White Label." They say it never varies and lovers of good Scotch daily pay their respects to it by "asking for Dewar's."

A. S. WATSON & CO.'S wine department will take care of your order. The bottles are attractively packed in a special Christmas box and are sure to be regarded by anyone as a right proper sample of Christmas cheer.

#### THREE HUNDRED CIGARETTES

Returning to the subject of tobacco, the BRITISH-AMERICAN TOBACCO CO. are offering Play-ers' Clipper Cigarettes in a very fine Christmas box. Three hundred cigarettes, plain or cork-tipped, can be presented to a friend in a very attractive Gift Carton at no extra cost.

To those who care neither for wines nor tobacco, a wonderful suggestion would be Ovaltine. A delightful beverage, Ovaltine pleases always and is supreme for health and vitality. A gift of Ovaltine would be a pleasant surprise in anyone's Christmas stocking, be the recipient adult or child.

#### CHARMING GIFTS OF APPAREL

For a large assortment of gifts in the way of male or female apparel, do not neglect to take a look in at MAYFAIRS. There are a 101 things to choose from, each a pleasant surprise to your girl friend who are thinking about or your boy friend, as the case may be.

For ladies' hats, and special after a look-in at the MODE ELITE at Karamally Building would be well worth the while. Ask the wife or the girl friend, she will help with a suggestion. In the matter of furs, the ALASKA FUR STORE at Alexandra Fur Store has a large stock of the best and latest on view at the moment. There are a number of beautiful silver fox capes, the ladies would appreciate and a selection of jackets and coats—black seal, musquash, kolinsky, broadtail, etc.

#### STREAM-LINED CAMERAS

Christmas time brings with it many interesting moments, and would it not be nice to preserve some of these on film. FILMO DEPO is just the people to do this for you. Their 1941 models have just arrived and the stream-lined 8 mm. cameras with single lens are a delight to handle.

Another good gift for your amateur photographer friends are the turret models that have such useful gadgets attached as titlers, splices, and a full complement of useful accessories. There are also many fine offers in the 16 mm. line.

For the holidays, Filmo Depot offer sound projectors with a complete programme of talking films that can be had for private entertainment for those who prefer to stay at home or have a big party at home for the children.

The Marina House office of Filmo Depot has a fine selection of cameras on view at the moment, with accessories of various kinds, and a nice display of Taylor instruments is also being exhibited. These include barometers, humidity guides and combination instruments.

#### FARE FOR THE TABLE

For Christmas fare for the table, remember the DAIRY FARM. Their stores in Hongkong and Kowloon have everything to offer for the Christmas table from soup to nuts. Farm fed and Australian choice turkeys have long since ceased gobbling and are awaiting claimants. Farm fed and imported geese, ducklings, pheasants, jacksnipe, woodcock, pigeons and quail are all to be had and there is a choice selection of hams.

Everything else in the way of food that smells of Christmas is also on sale from plum puddings to cranberry sauce.

## FESTIVE SEASON AT LOCAL HOTELS

The HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI HOTELS, LTD. have announced a very attractive programme for the Christmas and New Year Holidays.

Christmas Eve will see a Gala Dinner Dance at the Hongkong Hotel with an extension till 3 a.m. There will be a dinner dance on Boxing Night, with an extension till 2 a.m. and a Gala Dinner Dance on New Year's Eve which will last until 3 a.m.

On New Year's Day there will be a special Tea Dance from 5 to 7 p.m. Nick Korin and his Swing Band will be in charge of the music at all these functions and a merry time is a certainty.

The PENINSULA HOTEL will feature a Gala Dinner Dance for Christmas Night and a Gala Dinner Dance on New Year's Eve. Art Carneiro and His Orchestra will supply the music at both functions.

The REPULSE BAY HOTEL will feature Special Luncheon Dances on Christmas Day and New Year's Day from 1 to 3 p.m. and a Gala Dinner Dance on New Year's Eve. Gen. Pic-Ushi and His Orchestra will play dance selections.

The GLOUCESTER HOTEL, announced as a Special Attraction for New Year's Eve a special engagement of the Dancers and Pipers of the 2nd Battalion, The Royal Scots, by kind permission of Lt. Col. D. J. McDougall, M.C.

Carnival Nights with extensions till 3 a.m. are announced for Christmas and New Year's Eve and for Boxing Day with extension till 2 a.m. Early reservations are suggested for those who wish to ensure themselves against disappointment.

Community singing, special dance numbers, spot waltzes and other novelties will be the other attractions at the Dinner Dances on these nights.

## FUNERAL OF MRS. R. A. WOOD

The funeral of Mrs. Rose Amelia Wood, who died at the Queen Mary Hospital on Monday after a long illness, took place at the Colonial Cemetery yesterday when a large number of friends gathered at the graveside to pay their last respects.

The Rev. S. Hinchcliffe, S.C.F., officiated.

The late Mrs. Wood, who was 40 years of age, was the wife of Mechanist Sgt. Major T. E. Wood, of the Royal Army Service Corps, and had been in Hongkong for about three years.

She left behind, beside her husband, two daughters, Rosemary, aged 10, and Sylvia, aged five, to whom the deepest sympathy is extended.

Among those present were Major A. Grive, Capt. Dobson, Capt. Crew, Lieut. Chapman, Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Larsen, Mr. Colledge, Drum Major Fielding, Sgts. Robb, Lucas, Kenna, Pearce, Mann, Iggleden, C. S. M. Minihan, C. M. S. Wood, M. S. S. Keast, Messrs. Pears, Smith (Surrey Department), R. R. Smith, Cheung Man-kan and many others.

#### THE WREATHS

Wreaths were sent by the following:

Ausband, Tom, Rosemary and Sylvia, Mum, Dad and Marjorie, Johnny and Doris, Elliot, Eve, Jack and the "Boys," Mrs. and Miss Sulby, Mr. Richard A. Wynne, Capt. R. W. Dobson (R.A.S.C.), Mrs. F. T. Woods, J. R. Carl, C.Q.M.S. and Mrs. Wood, L. D. Skinner, Mrs. B. R. France, C. S. M. Minihan, Mrs. Cheung Man-kep, Mr. and Mrs. M. S. Hussain, Mrs. T. F. Woods, Mr. A. V. Chapman, Major and Mrs. E. C. Frederick, Mr. and Mrs. Ronald A. Edwards, J. M. Purvis, Mr. and Mrs. C. Strange, Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Heath, Mr. and Mrs. Colledge, Mrs. A. X. Saunders, Mr. and Mrs. T. Seddon, C. Cash, Mr. and Mrs. J. Barnett, L. Souther Smith, Mr. and Mrs. V. S. Ebbage.

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## Asked For Loan At Point Of Pistol

### MAN GETS TWO YEARS' GAOL

Arraigned before the Chief Justice, Sir Atchut Macgregor, at the Criminal Sessions yesterday, on the charges of robbing Sin Shuk-lim of \$300 at No. 105, Connaught Road West, on Oct. 22 and demanding, with menaces, the sum of \$500 from Sin Shuk-lim at the same address on the same date, SIU CHEUK was found guilty on the first charge, and was sentenced to two years' hard labour. The second charge, which was an alternative one, was withdrawn by the prosecution.

Mr. J. P. Murphy, Assistant Crown Solicitor, assisted by Sub-Inspector R. Cunningham, prosecuted. The jury comprised Messrs. W. Hyde (Foreman), C. de M. C. Victor, Leong Soo-mun, Shien Chung-fu, W. H. S. Davis, Leung Cho-tai, and R. J. Master.

Siu Shuk-lim, who was the assistant managing partner of the Mow Jung Tai rice shop, was in the office of his shop about 6.15 p.m. on Oct. 22 when accused entered the room and said that he was financially embarrassed and would like a loan of \$500, emphasizing his request by pointing a pistol—which later was found to be a toy one—at complainant and the toki, Leung Chui.

#### AGREED TO PAY

After some bargaining, went on Mr. Murphy, Siu Shuk-lim agreed to pay over the sum of \$300.

After the money had been handed over to him, Mr. Murphy, accused left and his way downstairs. When he was trying to open the iron door of the toki, Leung Chui, drew his arms round accused and held him pinned. On the arrival of the Police, accused was handed over to the Police.

In a statement from the dock, accused said that he only asked the complainant for a loan of \$500 in order that he might go to Shanghai. He was given only \$300. Siu Shuk-lim, whom he had always called "uncle," misunderstood the matter and had him arrested.

## CRICKETER IN FATAL MISHAP

### JURY'S VERDICT AT INQUEST

A verdict of accidental death was returned by the jury at the Central Magistracy yesterday at an inquest on Tong Ling, 38, who died after being knocked down in King's Road, North Point, on Oct. 8, by a car driven by Lieut. J. L. C. Pearce, R. A.

Mr. H. G. Sheldon, K. C., sat as Coroner.

Mr. W. A. Mackinlay held a watching brief on behalf of Lieut. Pearce, while the Police were represented by Sub-Inspector J. L. Clarke.

The Coroner said that Lieut. Pearce was driving towards town from Lyemun, with his brother, Lieut. T. A. Pearce, following him in another car. Driving at 30 miles an hour, they overtook Major Morgan in his car while approaching the North Point bathing sheds.

#### MADE A DASH

When near the Tsang Fook Piano Company, Lieut. J. L. C. Pearce saw a Chinese was about to cross the road. He sounded his horn but the man did not seem to take heed of the warning and made a dash for the opposite side of the road.

Immediately Lieut. Pearce applied the brakes and swerved, but could not avoid hitting the man. Dr. T. K. Lee, of the Queen Mary Hospital, said that death was due to a ruptured spleen and haemorrhage.

In evidence, Major Morgan confirmed that Lieut. Pearce was driving at 30 miles an hour when he overtook him.

Sgt. McInnes, Vehicle Inspector of the Police, said that he found the brakes of the car to be in good condition.

The jury attached no blame on Lieut. J. L. C. Pearce.

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## ACCUSED SICK ROBBERY TRIAL ADJOURNED

Hearing was again adjourned in the case in which three men were arraigned before Mr. Justice Williams at the Criminal Sessions with robbery by two or more.

The accused, Cheung Sam-cheung, Pang Sang and Mo Yau, were alleged to have robbed passengers on a junk of \$801.80 Chinese currency and H.K. \$65.88 on Nov. 25 in Starling Inlet, Mira Bay, in the waters of the Colony.

Mr. J. Reynolds, Crown Counsel, said yesterday that he had a certificate from the doctor of the Remand Prison stating that first accused would not be fit to give evidence for one week.

Hearing was adjourned to Friday next, Dec. 27 in the morning.

The following jury heard the case: Messrs. C. H. Blake (Foreman), Young Chung-pin, Lee Yee-chong, Kwok Yu-kan, A. V. Fernandes, R. E. Gordon and S. J. Lee.

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Persons desirous of registering such claims with the Custodian should do so on a special form to be obtained from him on application in person.

The Register is confined to property situated in (1) Germany within the boundaries of the Treaty of Versailles (including the Saar region) and territories ceded to Germany as a result of the Munich Agreement, 1938, together with (2) Austria according to the boundaries of the Treaty of St. Germain-en-Laye; and (3) Italy, Albania, Italian East Africa, and Italian Colonies and possessions.

Entry in the Register of any claim will not imply any recognition of its validity nor constitute any guarantee that it will eventually be supported by His Majesty's Government. The Register is opened solely with a view to facilitating whatever arrangements may be found possible after the war.

J. B. PRENTIS,

Custodian of Enemy Property.  
17th December, 1940.

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## IN THE SUPREME COURT OF HONG KONG

In the matter of the Estate of ROGER EDWARD LINDSELL, late of Durban, South Africa, Puisne Judge of the Supreme Court of Hong Kong, deceased.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Court has, by virtue of Sec. 58 of the Probates Ordinance, 1897, made an order limiting the time to the 14th day of January, 1940, for creditors & others to send in claims against the above estate to the undersigned.

Dated this 17th day of December, 1940.

SD. L. R. ANDREWES,  
Executor.

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## M.V. "HOEGH" TRANSPORTER

On instructions from the Underwriters, Tenders are invited for the Single Screw Motor Vessel "HOEGH TRANSPORTER" as she lies submerged in her damaged condition in Singapore Roads.

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V. M. GRAYBURN,  
Chief Manager.

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## NEW WAR PHASE

THE PASSING of the initiative in the war into British hands, as indicated in the operations now going on in the Western Desert, marks a new phase in the hostilities both from a military as well as a diplomatic point of view. The effect of the Italian retreat into Libya before the relentless British advance cannot be exaggerated. Coupled with the Greek drive against Signor Mussolini's ill-conceived venture from Albania, the military situation in the Mediterranean war zone has changed completely in favour of Britain and her allies. These dramatic successes against the Axis war machine, has resulted in so weakening one of its component parts that a heavy strain is now likely to be thrown on the German ability to maintain it at its previous fighting strength. The consequence of these developments is that Italy will no longer count as a vital factor in the hostilities. It may be considered that it is a bit too early yet to make this statement, but when the Italian position is considered from all angles, it is easy to realise that only a miracle can save them from complete collapse.

THE FACT that this is admitted even in German circles is significant, because it shows how reluctant Herr Hitler, who must be the one to work the miracle, is to involve himself in further commitments in order to save his ally from utter disgrace. The German Fuehrer must realise that Signor Mussolini, despite the fact that he still has a large force in Libya, will find it extremely difficult to either reinforce his desert front or even his forces in Albania, with Britain now in full mastery of the sea and the air in that region. This is where the political effect of the British initiative will weigh most heavily. If it has placed Signor Mussolini in a serious predicament, it has provided Herr Hitler with a problem that will demand the best ingenuity to solve. With the many obstacles against him,

## URBAN COUNCIL MEETING

## Three Applications Refused

The fortnightly meeting of the Urban Council was held at the Council Chamber yesterday with the Hon. Mr. W. J. Carr, chairman, presiding.

Applications for a restaurant licence for No. 406, Shanghai Street, ground floor, a laundry licence for No. 110, Electric Road, ground floor, and a milk shop licence for No. 49, Sing Wo Road, ground floor, were refused.

Licences granted by the Council between Dec. 3 and 16 were: Food shops, one; swine, five; and eating houses, one.

## THOSE PRESENT

Those present at the meeting were the Hon. Mr. W. J. Carr (Chairman), Dr. N. C. Macleod, Deputy Director of Health Services (Vice-Chairman), Hon. Mr. H. J. Pearce, Hon. Mr. R. A. C. North, Messrs. F. C. Hall, L. C. F. Bellamy, A. el Arculli, B. Wong Tze, Tang Shu-kin, Li Tse-jong, Dr. A. M. Rodrigues, C. J. Roe, (Sec.), and Im Ping-tseung (Asst. Sec.).

Herr Hitler dare not risk armed intervention to help Italy, either through the Balkans or by transporting troops to Libya to reinforce Il Duce's forces in that theatre of war.

IT IS UNDOUBTEDLY a quandary in which the Nazi leader now finds himself, but it is also certain that he cannot hesitate much longer on how he can meet the situation. Military observers now speak of the few alternative courses left open to him.

One is another diplomatic drive in Spain in order to enlist General Franco's help in closing the western end of the Mediterranean with an attack on Gibraltar. If he succeeds it will place Spanish Morocco at his disposal for an attempt to pull Signor Mussolini out of his mess. Another alternative which he will doubtless strive to exploit is to win the Vichy Government completely over to his side so as to permit the French Fleet to be used against Britain in the Mediterranean. The fact that M. Laval failed to do this will make the Fuehrer tread more cautiously than he did before, since he is well aware that the use of the mailed fist in France will find open revolution rising up to thwart his plans. His approval of M. Flaminio as M. Laval's successor shows that he is relying on diplomatic strategy to win his way with Vichy, though prospects for his success here appear to be growing more remote every day.

THE ONLY OTHER alternative is to direct his full attention again on England in an attempt to deliver a crushing blow which will render her incapable of action in any of the other theatres of war. Ruthless air attacks alone on British women and children will, Herr Hitler knows now, not help him to achieve his objective. Neither will his submarine and aerial warfare on British shipping render Britain as impotent as he would like her to be. The battle will have to be carried on to British soil and to do this his original plans for invasion will have to be put into operation in the face of a British opposition that has increased in strength and determination and against which his chances of success have deteriorated to such an extent. Thus, has a new phase in the hostilities been opened. No one can say for certain how it will develop, but there appears to be very little doubt, even in the most sceptical minds, as to the ultimate result.

## CORRESPONDENCE

## SYMPATHY OF SINO STUDENTS

The Editor, H.K. Daily Press.  
Dear Sir,—The Canton University English Club sent a message to the President of the Board of Education through the Chinese Consulate in London to express their deep regret for the damage done to Eton College and schools in Birmingham by Nazi raiders.

"We learned with profound shock the large-scale destruction of educational institutions in England by the Nazi air force. We, the students of China, are now fighting side by side with your students because we both fight for a common ideal—justice and righteousness."

"In order to have a better understanding among students of the three great democratic countries, we propose the immediate formation of a Sino-British-American Students' Association for the promotion of goodwill with headquarters in Hongkong and branches in London, New York and Chungking. We sincerely request you to convey our proposition to the British University Students' Association for consideration."

"In the name of Chinese students, we beg to express our deep sympathy and pledge our moral support."

## NEWSETTES

The Y.M.C.A. held another Billiard Social evening last night with a competition between two selected groups. An exhibition game was also held which Mr. A. Teran won.

At the meeting of the Chinese Chamber of Commerce, held yesterday, a decision was arrived at what steps the Chamber would take in this matter.

An exhibition of pictures, the work of Miss Cheung-Tan, will be held at the Hotel Cecil from tomorrow until Saturday from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. daily under the auspices of the Hong Kong Chinese Arts Academy.

The marriage took place on Dec. 7, at Holy Trinity Cathedral, Shanghai, by the Very Rev. A. C. S. Trivett, of Nita Scott-Morris, of Edinburgh, to Reginald Graham, the elder son of Captain George Morris, and Mrs. C. I. Morris, of Sydney, Australia.

The death occurred on Nov. 1, at Beckenham, Kent, of Ruby Hilda, dearly-beloved wife of Arthur Leach and sister of Mrs. L. Stevenson. Funeral (cremation) took place at Streatham Park, on Nov. 4.

The death occurred on Dec. 9, at the Country Hospital Shanghai, of Arne Pettersen, aged 29 years, Norwegian subject, Third Engineer of the ms. Ringwood, were held at the Hungjiao Road Cemetery, on Dec. 11.

The Chinese Civilian War-time Auxiliaries in Foochow contributed \$180,000 to the Chinese Government aviation fund through the Central Bank of China, addressed personally to General Chiang Kai-shek.

The Chinese National Government has approved of a grant of \$1,000,000 for relief purposes for the rehabilitation of re-occupied areas in Kwangsi. Another \$1,000,000 will be disbursed to rush the rehabilitation measures.

Train services along a new 700 kilometre branch line of the Lunghai Railway between Hsienyang and Tungwan started recently. The line passes through an area rich in coal from which the railway will obtain its supply of fuel.

A memorial service was held at Panchang on Sunday Dec. 15, for Gen. Chung Yi division commander, who was killed in action last June while directing operations in northern Hupeh. More than 10,000 persons, including many military commanders were present to pay their tribute to the late Gen. Chung.

The death occurred on Dec. 8, at the Shanghai General Hospital, of Maite Patricia Roche, aged 24 years, the eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Roche. A Requiem Mass was celebrated at the St. Aloysius Catholic Church, 734 Klaochow Road, on Dec. 11, and was followed by interment at the Bubbling Well Cemetery.

## COMING &amp; GOING BY CLIPPER

Pan American Airways PHILIPINE CLIPPER (Capt. J. H. Hamilton), bringing U.S. mails, dated San Francisco, Dec. 10, arrived in Hongkong yesterday shortly after 2.30 p.m.

The Clipper only brought four passengers for Hongkong, three of whom were Chinese students.

## DEPARTURES

The following were booked to leave by the Clipper when she takes off on her return flight to San Francisco, via Manila, this morning.

FOR MANILA: MR. FRANCES, CA. D. GOMES, tourist, making a round trip to Manila; MR. R. E. BASKERVILLE, American businessman returning from a visit to Hongkong; MR. EDWARD LEND, P.A.A. employee, returning after an overnight stay in the Colony; MR. JACK CRAWFORD, P.A.A. radio engineer, travelling on duty; and MR. JAMES WOO, stock broker, returning after a business trip to the Colony.

FOR HONOLULU: MR. WONG YUN-YUAN, Secretary to the Bank of Communications, Hongkong, en route to San Francisco, by steamer from Honolulu.

FOR SAN FRANCISCO: MR. MA WING-CHONG, connected with Nanyang Tobacco Co., en route to Rochester on business; and MR. LIANG CHEN-YEH, of the American Industrial Corporation, Shanghai, making a business trip to the United States.

## DUTCH VESSEL ARRIVALS

Arrivals from Shanghai by a Dutch vessel on Monday were Mrs. Ann Winkelman, Mr. G. Schaberg, Mrs. K. H. Necke-man and Mrs. E. M. Arbenz. Arrivals from Amoy were Mr. C. Furman and Mr. E. F. Vedhuyzen.

Through passengers for Manila were Mrs. C. M. Paul and daughter, and Mrs. N. Becke. Passengers for Netherlands East Indies ports were Mr. J. Ballard, Mr. E. A. Rackham, Mr. J. C. Smith, Mr. E. M. White, Mr. H. Errieh, Miss J. Challet and Mr. W. C. Booy.

## POLICE REPORTS

According to a report made to the police by Mr. L. L. Mills, a burglar gained entrance into his residence at 2.30 a.m. on Dec. 18 by breaking a glass pane of one of the windows. Wakened by the boy who had heard the crash, he got up and was in time to see a man running away. Nothing was lost.

Q. M. S. Butler, member of the Hongkong Volunteers' Defence Corp., has reported to the police the theft of a spare wheel and a tyre from his car parked outside Manning Camp between 1 a.m. and 8 a.m. on Dec. 18.

Mr. Wong Sang, of Salpo Village, has reported that jewellery valued at \$160 was stolen from his house at 11 p.m. on Dec. 14.

A tweed jacket and a pair of flannel trousers to the total value of \$100 were stolen from the house of Mr. G. Hart Davis at No. 39 Lugard Road at 2.45 a.m. yesterday.

Both articles were recovered an hour later. Sgt. Willerton and a Chinese detective, while patrolling on Kowloon Road, saw two men, one with the jacket on. The pants were recovered from a hiding place.

The death occurred on December 2, at Berkeley, California, of Walter Scott Hibbard, aged 65 years, formerly of Shanghai.

The death occurred on December 4, of Mrs. Agnes Dollar, wife of Mr. J. H. Dollar of the Dollar Steamship Company. Mr. Dollar died in 1936, ten years after his retirement from Shanghai. Mrs. Dollar, who was prominent in American circles here for nearly twenty years, came out to Shanghai with her husband in 1907. In 1925 they retired, returning to California to make their home. It was there that Mrs. Dollar died two days ago.

The funds so far collected in Shanghai for the proposed American Committee for Allied Relief have been paid by the Committee into the British Aeroplane Fund and other funds as stipulated by the donors. It is expected that further donations will be received by the same group, and will be handed over in due course.

## CONFIDENCE IN THE FUTURE: IMPORTANT PART PLAYED BY WORKERS IN BRITISH WAR EFFORTS

"We are facing the future with confidence and that is where the overseas dominions and colonies can best assist us," declared MR. G. GIBSON, Chairman of the Trades Union Congress in Britain, when he broadcast in London yesterday on the part being played by British workers to help Britain to win the war.

At the outset of his talk, Mr. Gibson referred to the tremendous loss of material and equipment which had been lost in Dunkirk and the manner in which this loss had now been made good with such excellent results.

"Military equipment, food supplies and everything else had to be abandoned that could not be destroyed," he said. "We had to build afresh and our task was a colossal one. We had to mobilise and train an army of millions. We had to replace everything that we had lost in France. We had to reinforce our air force with lightning speed. We had to strengthen our navy and we had to replace our losses in merchant shipping and we had to speed up production in all war trades."

"We had to do all this not only with an eye on the immediate needs of the situation, but with reference to the long term effort we realised that we had been called upon to make."

"Looking back upon these dark and anxious months," went on Mr. Gibson, "it would now seem that we have accomplished miracles. And yet, we have done it all with thoroughness."

NO DICTATOR METHODS  
"Above all, it must not be forgotten that it was not done by dictatorship. Dictators, it is true, have the power to make lightning decisions but, as they have discovered, to their cost, they can also make wrong decisions and in such cases they have the difficulty of sharing the blame. What they do is to claim responsibility for items on the credit side and to disclaim responsibility for items on the debit side and then, even the sheep-like people they govern have a limit to their patience and an end to endurance."

"When people talk about the superior efficiency of the dictatorship regimes, I grow impatient," declared Mr. Gibson. "I have no sympathy for the parrot-like cry of more dictatorial methods in this war. It wants a free people to decide on our machinery and the methods of the Government and the social and economic administration which can assure us of ultimate victory."

"The first part of our job has been done and done well. You will appreciate that it was no easy task to make an army of millions by drawing young men from their occupations without throwing the country into complete chaos. And yet this was done without any panic or chaos and it was done by putting the responsibility for the mobilisation of man-power into the hands of a civil department and then to entrust the department to an experienced Trade Union, so that even the fighting forces are now handled by our civil ministries."

GREATER EFFORTS  
The response from the overseas dominions have enabled us to realise how war conditions demand from them greater efforts in the field of production so that our armies in the field may be completely equipped and our air power and sea power adequately reinforced.

"To do this, British workers are prepared to make every sacrifice in fighting a relentless enemy."

"Mr. Gibson pointed out that dictators had to contend with obstruction and acts of sabotage in their war efforts not only in the countries they had conquered by force of arms, but even in their own territory where the rights of man had been destroyed."

"And now that one end of the Axis is reeling under the blow of the British forces, hope will again awaken in the hearts of those who have been waiting an opportunity to strike hard in the cause of freedom," declared Mr. Gibson. "From now on we shall be encouraged by the ever growing forces of our allies, including the Free French forces, and the internal problems of the dictators will become greater."

CONFIDENCE IN FUTURE  
"You cannot hope to win victories without receiving a hit now and again," he went on, "and we must anticipate further and more vigorous attacks. We are, however, facing the future with confidence and that is where the overseas dominions can best assist us."

"We already have the continued and practical goodwill of the United States and the increasing flow of supplies from that great reservoir have imbued us with the confidence that we shall destroy the enemies of humanity as personified by Herr Hitler and Signor Mussolini."

"The Greeks have set us an example and we are now in a position to take advantage of such opportunities wherever they are offered. We ask our friends and kinsmen overseas to do all in their power to enable us to add more weight to our blows."

"I am confident that we shall get that assistance more and more in the coming year. We are going to show that free men, fighting for democracy and freedom, are superior to the servile hordes of the dictators."

## WHAT THEY ARE SAYING ABOUT RATIONING

"We may not have such a variety of food, but we are certainly not short of it here," said MR. HOWARD MARSHALL, the well known commentator, in a talk on the home front from London recently.

Mr. Marshall mentioned the average menu available to an ordinary family daily—scrambled eggs on toast for breakfast, with milk and cream; soup and vegetables with mushrooms on toast for lunch; fish potatoes and vegetables for dinner. That did not show that there was any shortage, particularly when there were several days when meat was available.

"We are making the most of our food," he said, "and the authorities are doing their best to see that we know what is best and the most health giving food. The Minister of Food has just started a campaign which provides for women experts who give advice to housewives to help them in the special problems of wartime cooking and there is certainly a lot to learn."

## AIR RAIDS

MR. MARSHALL related a little story which showed the excellent standard of the British spirit and morale despite the air raids.

"It was after a particularly heavy raid," he said, "when I saw two old ladies getting into a bus—a bit shaken and tired, for their own little home had been bombed. They were on their way to Bermondsey and the bus was passing over Westminster Bridge."

"One old lady looked up and, jerking her thumb towards Big Ben said: 'Old Hitler has not got him yet' and the other old lady replied: 'No dear. And I am so glad as I have known Ben ever there, ever since he was quite a little clock.'"

"I wonder whether Herr Hitler understands just what that means," said Mr. Marshall.

## NAZIS &amp; HUMOUR

The Germans, with their characteristic completeness, have been inquiring into the cause of their defeat in the last war.

"They have found that it was due to a large extent on their lack of humour, because they took everything in grim earnest and never smiled."

Now the Nazis have decided that German soldiers must learn to have a sense of humour and the army manuals now contain lessons on how to acquire this.

What is most amusing is that the lessons include the "Old Bill" cartoons of the last war, with his customary remarks which are always prefaced with the word "Blimey."



## Extension Of Local Operations On Albanian War Front

THE EXTENSION OF LOCAL OPERATIONS ON THE ALBANIAN WAR FRONT is reported in a London message, which adds that the general situation there is satisfactory.

The Italians had opened a counter-attack with seasoned troops but were driven back with heavy losses and were continuing their retreat to the sea.

## American Eagle Club Opened

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American system, has arranged for you to have a few minutes every week on the air so that your folks at home will hear how you are getting along here.

"We hope you will bring all your friends here. We have planned this club and its services primarily for you, but it will be open to the members of all the fighting forces, no matter of what race, rank or nationality. (Cheers). "In our country, we Americans have a reputation for generous hospitality. Let us live up to it here."

SIR HARRY BRITAIN

Mr. Hutchinson then introduced to the audience Sir Harry E. Britain, whom he described as one of America's best friends in England.

Sir Harry said: Ladies and gentlemen—Let me first congratulate my good friend Mr. Hutchinson and the members of this club on the inspiration, energy and hard work which have resulted in the pleasing surroundings in which we meet today.

"May I say how privileged I am to take part in this ceremony. Almost instinctively, my mind goes back to 25 years ago, when in another world war, the American Officers' Club was founded. I had the honour of presiding over that club until the war was won. We had a happy time in that club and many a life-long friendship was formed. We did our best to bring into contact men of every sphere of life.

"We British are not a militaristic nation. We loathe war, but out of this present evil war thing has come and that is the understanding between our democratic empire and your United States.

"Our late Ambassador to your country, Lord Lothian, told you that we were winning the second round. We are and, with your help, we will stick to it. It is a privilege to welcome to this country the gallant lads who have come across the sea to join us in our fight for liberty.

"In conclusion, let me hope that all success will attend the future of the American Eagle Club."

The opening of the club was attended by a large and distinguished gathering and after the ceremony, the members of the H. G. Gang entertained those present to a variety entertainment.

## PETAIN WOULD HAVE BEEN PRISONER

REPORTS FROM VICHY EMPHASISE THAT IMPORTANT RESULTS MAY FOLLOW THE VISIT TO THE VICHY GOVERNMENT OF THE GERMAN AMBASSADOR, who is stated to be in close touch with M. Flaminio and M. Laval, and who is stated to have been involved in all the plots and conspiracies to drag France into the war with Britain and to place the French Fleet and bases at Germany's disposal.

It is now revealed that M. Laval was concerned in a scheme to get Marshal Petain to Paris where he would have been made a virtual prisoner. The intention was that with Marshal Petain in Germany's power the collaboration with Germany could have been carried to the extreme limits desired by Laval.

This version of the report says that Marshal Petain discovered the plot first and this resulted in Laval being taken into custody.

Whether this is so or not, the reports that Marshal Petain was going to Marseilles did not materialise, but it all points to the fact that Herr Hitler is trying hard to enlist French assistance against Britain.

M. Flaminio is reported to be suffering from influenza and may have to stay in bed for several days.

## BREAK-UP OF ITALY: MILITARY & POLITICAL EFFECTS OF BRITISH VICTORY IN DESERT

"Unless Herr Hitler has some trick up his sleeve, the break up of Italy is only a matter of time," said MR. VERNON BARTLETT, the well-known journalist-M.P., when he broadcast from London yesterday on the military and political problems which have arisen for the Axis Powers as a result of the British victory in the Western Desert.

Mr. Bartlett, referring to the military operations, stated that the British forces had employed every kind of trick to convince Marshal Graziani, the Italian Commander, that the Imperial Forces in Egypt were stronger than they really were.

### ROAD MAKING

"Quite wisely," said Mr. Bartlett, "he might have been able to push along the coast to Alexandria. Instead of doing that, however, the Italians spent months on road making and this has now given the British the chance to pursue them."

Mr. Bartlett declared that the men employed on this road-making had come from places as much as five to six days journey away and they had to work under conditions of constant sandstorms, terrific heat and lack of cover from air attack.

"Mechanised transport can travel over a desert," said Mr. Bartlett, "but it plays the devil with machinery. I remind you of this for two reasons. One is to emphasise

the difficulties which our men have had to overcome in advancing across the desert and the other is to emphasise the fact that the Italians who made such a dash forward to Sidi Barrani have now lost all their lines in a few days."

### PRECAUTIONS TAKEN

Mr. Bartlett stated that although the British troops had to take precautions against counter-attack, much of the best of the Italian material had now fallen into British hands and most of the landing grounds had been put out of action by the British.

"Here again, we cannot afford to be too optimistic," went on Mr. Bartlett, "but these are reasons which must weigh heavily against any plans which the enemy might make."

"So that unless Herr Hitler has some surprise up his sleeve, the break of Italy is only a matter of time. The fact remains that what has happened now will have a great effect on Signor Mussolini's regime and on the outcome of the war."

Commenting on the suggestion that Germany might occupy Italy, Mr. Bartlett stated that the Italian people had seen too much of the way in which Catholics were treated in Germany to welcome any such proposal.

Mr. Bartlett was of the opinion that Signor Mussolini had miscalculated very badly when he joined Germany in the war against England. Italy would get no help from Herr Hitler unless he won and there were many Italians who were against their country going into the war on the German side.

### ARDENT FASCISTS

And now, Grandi, Balbo and a number of younger ministers have been deprived of their jobs or pushed into the background," said Mr. Bartlett.

"There are quite a number of ardent Fascists who might even attempt to take over the Government and carry on the war with more vigour."

After giving a brief picture of Signor Mussolini's own life, in which he pointed out that the Italian leader had been imprisoned on more than one occasion in the past, once in Tripoli for having no visible means of support, Mr. Bartlett said: "Libya and Albania have shattered Signor Mussolini's future. And now the question is: What will Herr Hitler do?"

Mr. Bartlett expressed the view that it would be a severe blow to the Italians if German troops were sent into Italy. If the Italians thought that the German troops were being sent to occupy Italy, they might welcome the efforts of the British to drive them out.

"I am wondering whether Herr Hitler will try to make the Mediterranean uncomfortable for Britain by other ways—through Spain, for instance," said Mr. Bartlett. "There is, of course, no evidence that General Franco is ready to do anything to help him and it must be remembered that the Free-Frenchmen are becoming more anxious for a British victory, especially after the recent collapse of the Italian forces."

### MARSHAL PETAIN

"Marshal Petain himself is not influenced in favour of working with Germany, because he wants to bring about a position which would enable the release of the French prisoners of war, who are doing forced labour in Germany and he will certainly not allow his country to take any active part against Britain."

"The possibility is that Herr Hitler will make a great effort to close the western end of the Mediterranean against us. I have no special information for saying this, but it is only just a hunch that he will try to persuade Spain to cause us trouble."

"The two obstacles to this are the danger of his lines being lengthened, and the growing reluctance of the Spaniards to come into the war as all Herr Hitler is not as infallible as he is believed to be."

## BRITISH PRESSURE INCREASING

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under the guard of a few British troops, who were busy giving them water as the Libyans had had no water for three days.

They later found the headquarters of the mobile column entirely deserted, except for two British soldiers. The Italian dead were lying all around and 38 Italian tanks were in the hands of the British forces. This correspondent next relates how they came upon a camp of 7,000 to 8,000 Italian prisoners.

South of Sidi Barrani another Italian camp was found with guns strewn all around the place.

### JUST AS FIERCE

ROME, Dec. 17 (Reuters)—Fighting in the desert zone on the Cyrenaica frontier was as fierce during the eighth day of the battle as on previous days, states an

## CHINESE OFFENSIVE IN HUPEH

TSAOYANG, Dec. 17 (Central)—More than 200 Japanese have been slain and 13 Japanese barracks set afire by Chinese units in a series of daring attacks on the Hwayuan-Kwangshui section of the Peiping-Hankow Railway in north Hupeh in the past few days. The railway in that section has also been damaged.

## Enemy Agent Executed At Pentonville

LONDON, Dec. 17 (Reuters)—An enemy agent, convicted of working for Germany, was executed at Pentonville Prison here this morning the Home Office announces.

The spy was a Dutch subject, Charles Albert Van Den Kleboom, born in Japan aged 24.

Kleboom was tried at the same time as two other enemy agents with whom he was associated and whose executions were announced last week.

Like his companions, Kleboom was equipped with a portable wireless transmitting set.

His execution was postponed because he gave notice of appeal to the Court of Criminal Appeal. Subsequently he withdrew his appeal.

The bill declares that it shall be the duty of every employer to restate in his employ any member of a Volunteer Force, called out for war service, whether before or after the enactment of the new law.

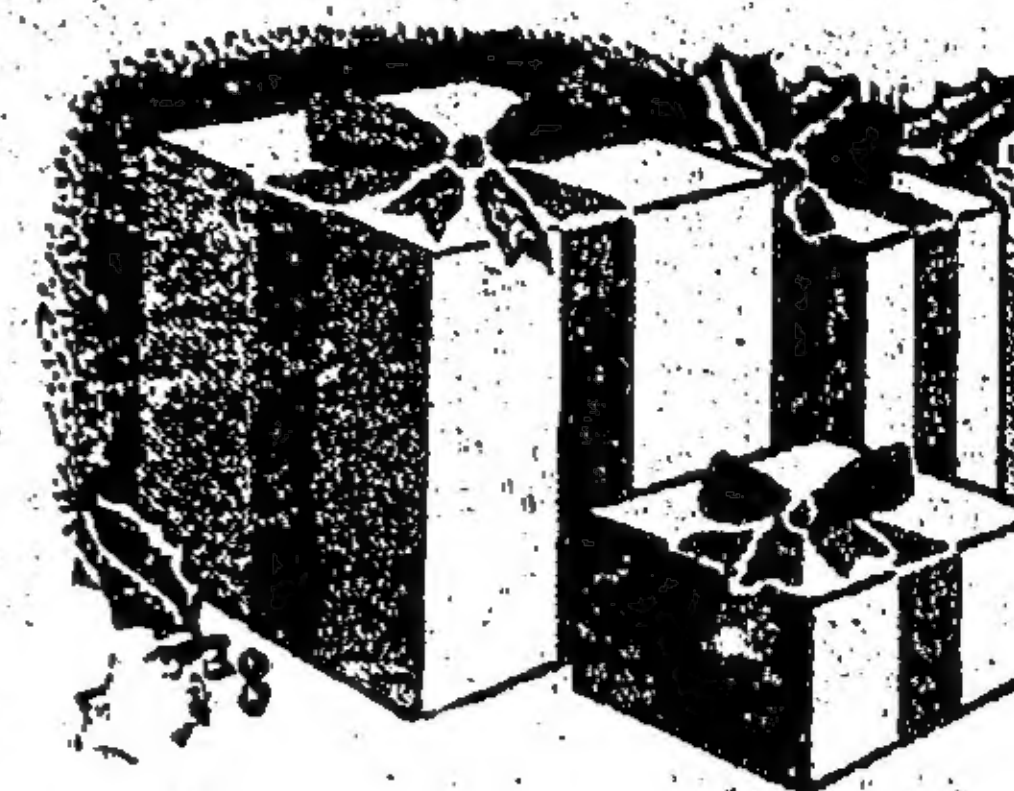
An employer who fails to do so will be guilty of an offence punishable with fine and imprisonment and will, in addition, be liable to compensate the person whom he fails to restate by payment of a sum not exceeding six months' salary which will be recovered as a fine imposed by a Magistrate.

## RE-EMPLOYMENT FOR MEN WHO ARE MOBILISED

A fine and a term of imprisonment is the penalty for an employer who fails to restate in his employ any employee who has been mobilised for war service.

This is one of the clauses of a draft ordinance, published in the Ceylon Government Gazette.

The object of the bill, it is stated, is to secure that every member of the Ceylon Defence Force or of the Ceylon Naval Volunteer Force, who has been mobilised for war service, shall, on the conclusion of such service, be reinstated in the civil employment in which he was engaged at the time he was so mobilised.

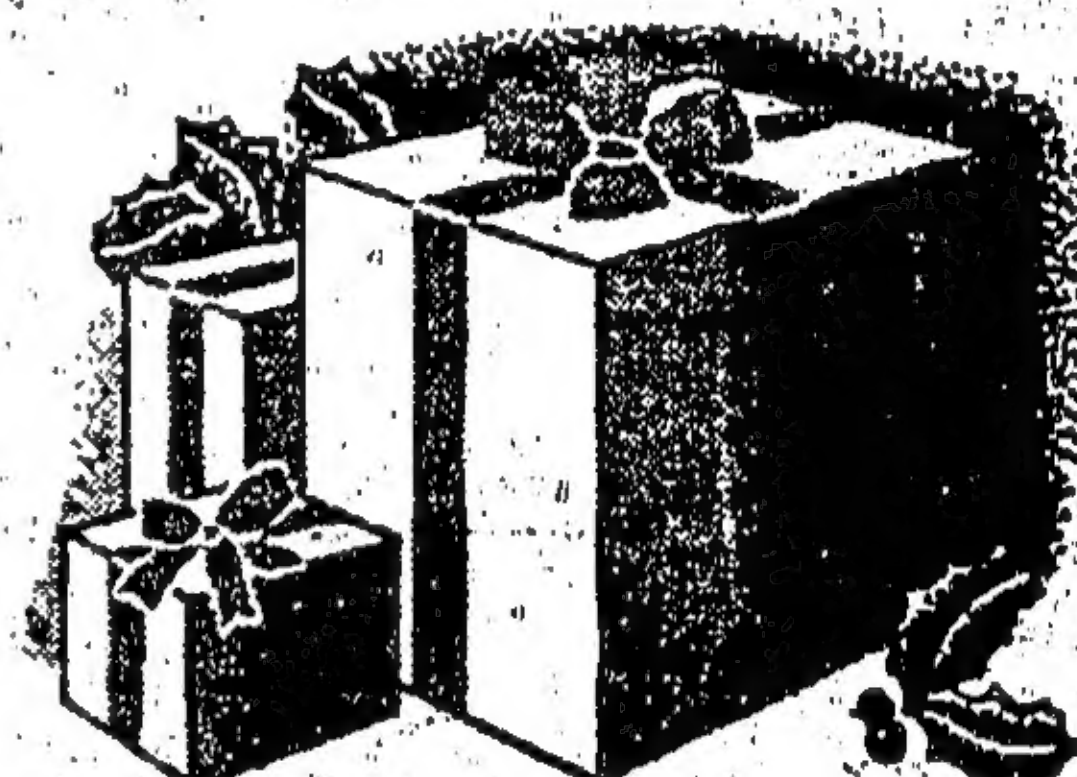


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## British Air Offensive Against Italy, Germany Maintained

THE BRITISH AIR OFFENSIVE AGAINST ITALY AND GERMANY again ranged far and wide on Monday, states a London message.

Attacks were made on Mannheim and there were several attacks on targets in Germany as well as over Italy and in East Africa.

Berlin was raided again, and hits were scored on railway junctions and warehouses while shipyards at Kiel and Bremen were also attacked.

Off the coast of France, two German merchant ships were hit. Three British planes were lost in the operations over Germany, but all returned safely from the Italian operations, the most violent of which were directed on Naples.

Enemy raids on Britain were on a small scale. Bombs were dropped in the industrial parts

"An article in a German paper recently referred to the Greek forces as consisting of about 600,000 troops, 200 aeroplanes and an old warship. I wonder how Signor Mussolini feels about being defeated by a force held in such contempt by his friend Herr Hitler."

## STORY OF GALLANTRY OF AIRCRAFTSMAN

LONDON, Dec. 17 (REUTERS)—THREE SHIPS OF ONE CONVOY WERE BURNING FURIOUSLY WHEN 14 INJURED MEN WERE RESCUED BY A HIGH SPEED LAUNCH.

Later, when attempting to rescue the personnel from two planes which had fallen into the sea, nine enemy planes attacked the launch with incendiaries which started a fire, and with machine-gun bullets which killed one member of the crew and injured two others.

In these circumstances, AIRCRAFTSMAN WILSON, who had already taken a conspicuous part in the rescue work, took over control of the launch in the heat of the action and continued the rescue work until the captain recovered.

During the action, a line fell overboard fouling the propellers and Wilson, despite rough sea, went overboard and managed to clear the propellers.

This is related in the latest honours list, Wilson receiving the Military Medal for his courage.

MEDAL FOR WOMAN

LONDON, Dec. 17 (Reuters)—A member of the Women's Auxiliary Air Force, CORPORAL JOSEPHINE ROBINS, is included in the latest honours list receiving the Military Medal.

Epl. Robins was in a dangerous position when she was rescuing the personnel from two planes which had fallen into the sea, nine enemy planes attacked the launch with incendiaries which started a fire, and with machine-gun bullets which killed one member of the crew and injured two others.

From the nature of his duties, Moxey was fully aware of the risks and danger of the operation. One of the bombs exploded causing his death.

## DEATH OF FORMER C.J. OF CEYLON

LONDON, Dec. 17 (Reuters)—Sir Philip MacDonnell, formerly Judge of the High Court of Northern Rhodesia and afterwards Chief Justice of Trinidad and later Chief Justice of Ceylon, died in Southport from bronchitis.

MONTEVIDEO, Dec. 17 (Reuters)—"President Baldomir was most cordial and I was treated everywhere as an old friend," declared Lord Willingdon, Head of the British Economic Mission, in an interview in which he expressed delight at the warmth of the mission's reception at Montevideo.

Mannheim was a mass of flames. The Germans admit that considerable damage was caused.

British planes also bombed a submarine base at Bordeaux.

It was reported later that the whole target area round

of London and in the Midlands, but the damage was not excessive and there was only a small number of casualties.

In the raid on a north-west town, a few people were killed and others injured, when bombs fell on a hotel and warden's post.

Enemy raids on Britain were on a small scale. Bombs were dropped in the industrial parts

which received a direct hit. A number of men being killed. She administered first aid to the injured and stayed with them in a position of extreme danger till they were removed.

POSTHUMOUS AWARD

LONDON, Dec. 17 (British Wireless)—The posthumous award of the George Cross to SQUADRON LEADER ERIC MOXEY is announced today.

In August last Sq. Ldr. Moxey, who was a Flying Officer observer in the last war, was Technical Intelligence Officer at the Air Ministry and volunteered to remove two unexploded bombs embedded in an aerodrome.

From the nature of his duties, Moxey was fully aware of the risks and danger of the operation. One of the bombs exploded causing his death.



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## ROUND THE POLICE COURTS

## AT CENTRAL

## PRISON TERM FOR JUVENILE

For stealing a fountain pen, a 15-year-old juvenile, with one previous conviction, was sentenced to one month's hard labour when he appeared before Mr. H. G. Sheldon, K.C., yesterday.

The pen, the property of Mr. C. Johnson, Chief Officer of a British boat, was snatched from him while he was walking along Queen's Road Central on Dec. 18. He gave chase and caught defendant himself.

Sub-Ins. Byran prosecuted.

## ALLEGED MURDER

Hearing for the case in which Wu Leung, unemployed, is charged with the murder of a 20-year-old married woman, Lo Kiu, at No. 5 Sheung Fong Lane on Nov. 23, was fixed for Monday at 2.30 p.m., by Mr. Barnett yesterday. Det. Sub-Ins. Cunningham is in charge of the case.

## LARCENY OF FLOUR

Charged with larceny by bailee of 100 bags of flour, valued at \$510, from Chiu Wah-chu, 70, broker, of No. 114 Wing Lok St., 1st Floor, Chiu Yau, 49, unemployed, appeared before Mr. Barnett yesterday.

Insp. F. D. B. Tuckett, prosecuting, said that defendant, being a clansman of complainant, was entrusted by the latter on Nov. 4 to bring 100 bags of flour aboard s.s. Tung On for shipment to Macao. He disappeared with the flour.

Sentence of six months' hard labour was imposed.

## CONSPIRACY ALLEGED

Further evidence was given before Mr. Lowry yesterday in the case in which Wong Hal-fong, 46, merchant of No. 113, Wanchai Road, and Cheung Kung-hop, 25, were charged with conspiracy, with another, not in custody, to threaten Tang King-wai, 47, merchant of No. 33, Jordan Road, with injury to his person to force him to drop the prosecution of an action in the Supreme Court against defendant and the Kin Kee Trading Company.

Mr. M. A. da Silva appeared for the prosecution, while Wong was defended by Mr. Hin-shing Lo, instructed by Mr. J. M. Hall, and Cheung by Mr. C. A. Sutherland Russ.

Det. Sgt. Lo Ki said that he accompanied complainant and two of his friends on Oct. 4 between 2 and 3 p.m. in the Ta Tung Hotel he heard the party conversing, and, through a crack in the door, saw second defendant there.

The hearing was adjourned to 2.30 p.m. today.

## AT KOWLOON

## MAINTENANCE SUMMONS

Mr. E. R. Schofield, employed on board an oil tanker, was summoned before Mr. E. Himsforth yesterday for failing to provide reasonable maintenance for his wife.

The accused stated that he is earning \$350 per month and that he would be willing to provide his wife with \$200.

Mr. Himsforth remarked that since the accused was willing to provide maintenance the case would be heard in Chambers.

The hearing was adjourned sine die.

## EXPULSED FROM COLONY

Pleading guilty to a charge of attempted burglary of a joss stick shop at Pine Street, an 18-year-old Chinese, Tong Yat-yan, was ordered to sign a personal bond of \$10 for a year and to be expelled from the Colony by Mr. Himsforth yesterday.

The defendant and two others were seen breaking the window of the shop early on Saturday morning by a constable who arrested him. The other made good their escape.

## HEARING FIXED

Hearing was fixed for Monday by Mr. Himsforth yesterday in the case in which four boat foks, Wu Yan-ee, 34, Wu Kwai, 39, Wu Fong, 24, and Wu Yan, 23, were charged with robbery.

It was alleged that the defendants robbed Yu Yee of 100 dollars of rice, Lo Heung of 270 Hong Kong currency, eight articles of wearing apparel and a bed sheet.

## SENTENCES TOTALLING 10 YEARS IMPOSED ON EIGHT MEN

## POSSESSION OF ARMS TRIALS

SENTENCES OF 15 MONTHS' HARD LABOUR WERE IMPOSED BY MR. JUSTICE E. H. WILLIAMS AT THE CRIMINAL SESSIONS yesterday on eight men who were found guilty on charges of unlawful possession of arms and ammunition.

In the first case the defendants were Li Wai, Kwok Yun, Tso On, Shek Leung and Tso Chung, who were charged with the unlawful possession of two revolvers, 17 rounds of ammunition, two daggers and a knife at Shaikwan on Nov. 18. Li Wai, Tso On, Tso Chung had pleaded guilty to the charges.

Mr. J. Reynolds, Crown Counsel, assisted by Det. Sub-Ins. W. N. Dinkin, prosecuted. The following jury was empanelled:—S. A. Benn (Foreman), R. G. Castleton, A. dos Ramos R. Shun Wah, Tam Man-yim, A. Fok Nai-keung, and J. V. da Luz.

## OUTLINE OF CASE

In his outline of the case, Mr. Reynolds said that at about 7 a.m. on Nov. 19 a Police party, led by Insp. W. A. Russell, and acting on information, went to an unnumbered house at Holy Cross Path, Shaikwan, to search for arms. All the defendants were found in the house.

In a drawer near the partition the knife was found. Near the wall was a small table under which the police found a piece of tin, under which, again, was a small piece of wood.

## LOADED REVOLVERS

On removing the latter an earthen jar, cemented into the ground, was revealed. In this jar, continued Mr. Reynolds, were found two revolvers, each loaded with five rounds of live ammunition, two daggers and another seven rounds of ammunition in a tin.

When charged both defendants elected to make statements. Kwok stated that the revolvers belonged to Tso On and to Chung and the dagger belonged to Li Wai; while Shek stated, "the arms belonged to the four of us. The arms were brought down by Li Wai."

ARMOURER'S TESTIMONY  
Sgt. Perkins, Police Armourer, testified that the first revolver, a .45, was in good working order, and the second, a .38, was in fair working order but both had not been fired for some time.

After further evidence was given by Insp. Russell both defendants elected to make statements.

Second accused said that he came to the Colony to buy something and went to visit Li Wai. He knew nothing about the arms and ammunition. It was only while he was being detained that he learned that the arms and ammunition belonged to Tso On and Tso Chung.

## VISITING LI WAI

Fourth accused also denied that he knew anything about the arms and he was in the house because he was visiting Li Wai.

and Yu Chin of a piece of clothing at Cap Sul Mun on Dec. 5.

## DUTYABLE TOBACCO

A fine of \$200 or, in default, three months' hard labour was imposed by Mr. Himsforth yesterday on Ho Kit, 23, for possession of 28 pounds of dutiable tobacco without paying duty.

The accused was arrested on information by a Chinese constable at Shanghai Street about 8 p.m. on Sunday.

## SHAI SHI ATTACK SEQUEL

Yip Hoi, 25, and Leung Po-ling, 20, were charged before Mr. Himsforth yesterday with wounding a Chinese named Chan Cheuk at Shanghai Street.

The defendants were remanded for three days.

## IMPERSONATING POLICE OFFICER

Before Mr. Himsforth, yesterday, a Police guard, Wong Kai, 40, was charged with impersonating a Police officer at Tai Kok Tsui on Sunday.

Det. Sgt. W. G. Morrison asked for a remand of 48 hours which was granted.

## FAMILY SQUABBLE

For breaking the windows of her own sister's shop, a Chinese woman, Tai Yiu-king, 40, was bound over by Mr. C. A. A. Macfadyen yesterday.

It was alleged that she had been breaking her sister's windows on several previous occasions.

## TRAFFIC CASES

Summoned before Mr. Macfadyen yesterday for failing to keep to the left when driving at the junction of Gascoigne and Nathan Roads, Alameda Romelios was cautioned.

## COLONY HEALTH BULLETIN

The following is the Return of notifiable diseases notified as having occurred in the Colony during the week ended at midnight on Dec. 14:—Cholera, seven cases (three deaths); Small-Pox (one imported case); Diphtheria, six cases (four deaths); Enteric Fever, 10 cases (five deaths); Measles, seven cases (three deaths); Chicken-Pox, seven cases; Cerebro-spinal Fever, one case (one death); Dysentery, 44 cases (11 deaths); Tuberculosis, 196 cases (95 deaths).

## DAILY RETURNS

The Returns for the 24 hours ended at midnight on Dec. 16 is as follows:—Diphtheria, one case; Measles, five cases; Chicken-Pox, one case; Tuberculosis, 21 cases.

A lorry driver, Chung Hung-cheung, was fined \$20 for driving in a manner dangerous to the public, failing to stop when called by a police officer and driving without a warning device.

## PORTUGUESE CHARGED

Before Mr. Himsforth yesterday Cheung Lo-pun and Leslie Alfred Castro were charged with larceny and possession of an instrument fit for an unlawful purpose in Chatham Apartments. Mr. M. A. da Silva will appear for the first defendant.

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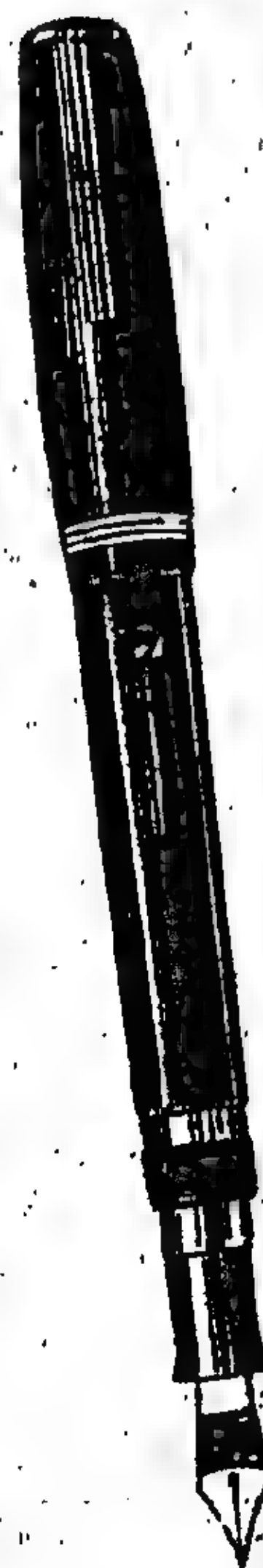
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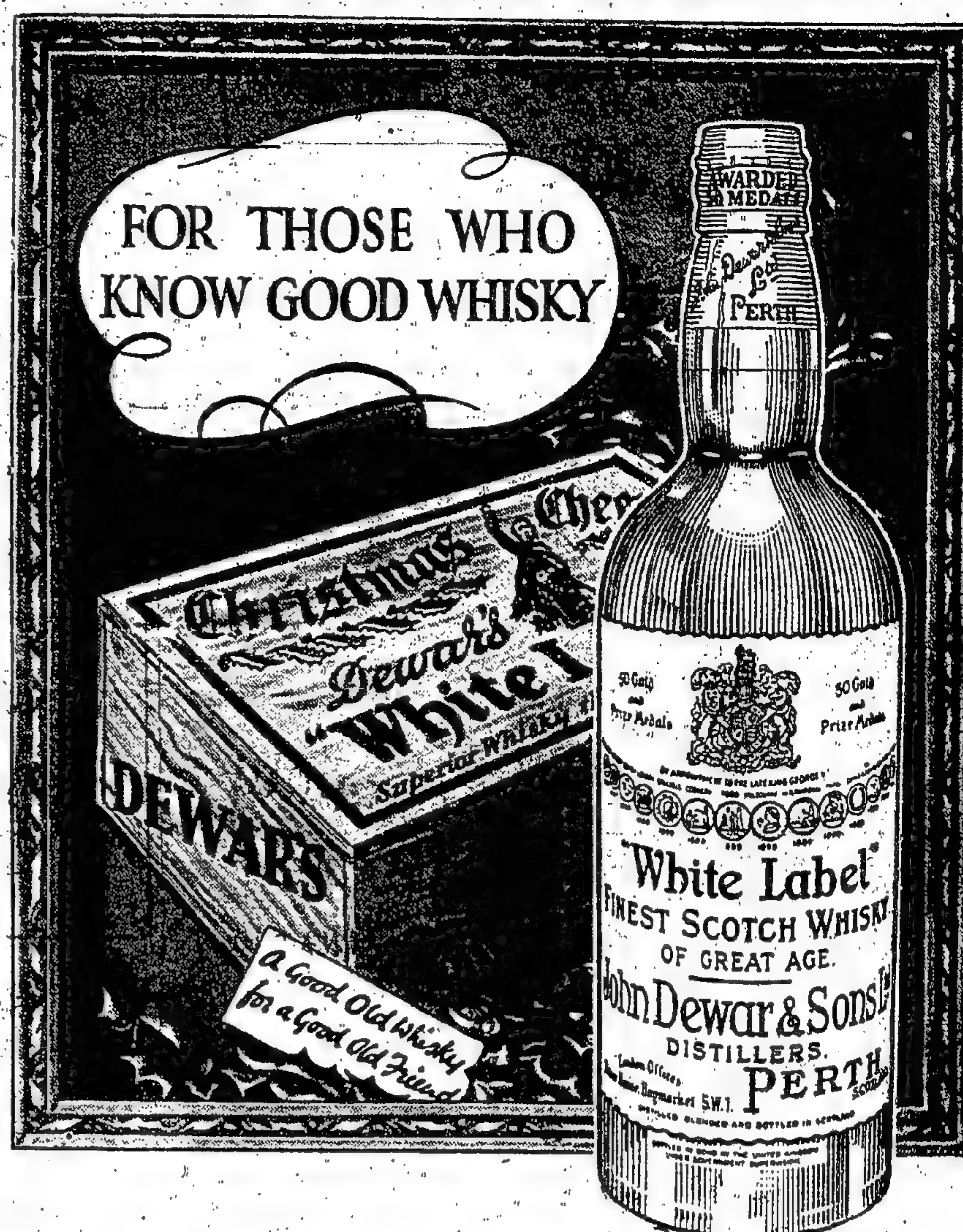
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## Finance and Commerce

### Growing Indian Market For Malay Palm Oil Likely

Experiments in India have shown that the vitamin A contained in the Malay palm oil can be used in tackling nutrition problems in that country. This, has resulted in India ordering the first bulk supply of the oil from Malaya which, it is confidently expected, will mark the beginning of a growing trade with India in this commodity.

Referring to this new development, the Malayan Agricultural Journal says that medical authorities have shown that the red palm oil may be used in place of the more expensive cod-liver oil as a source of Vitamin A.

Following up a report concerning nutritional problems in India, says the Journal, to which our attention was drawn, we have succeeded in interesting the Indian Government in red palm oil.

In the first place small samples of oil were submitted, followed at the request of the Indian medical authorities by a larger sample. This has resulted in the first bulk order. Confident as we are in the quality of Malayan oil we feel certain that a market may be established in India, and there is reason to believe that nutritional problems in certain other countries may be met in a similar way.

Looking further ahead, the Department is investigating the question of variable bleaching of palm oil with the object of ensuring a standard product. In another direction an examination is being made of the possibility of finding new markets for the

Liquid and solid fractions of palm oil, and new markets for the now almost unsaleable kernels.

It is possible that any or all of these new avenues may result in new markets may be able to absorb but a small proportion of our products. Conversely, our present investigations may prove of permanent value to these industries.

Possibly the present disorganisation of markets may ultimately be to the advantage of producers. It must be remembered that while producers are experiencing difficulty in finding a market, many industries are also finding difficulty in obtaining their usual supplies of raw materials.

The latter are, therefore, more alive than in normal times to the possibility of utilising new or substitute products to fill their immediate requirements. Advantage must be taken of such opportunities and it may therefore be that ultimately Malaya may find new markets and thus widen her commercial interests. (Malaya Tribune).

### HIGHER PRICE FOR THAI RICE

By a policy of selling stocks from the Rice Pool against the purchases made by Government, the Food Controller has been able to keep the price of Thai rice at a low level, in spite of the heavy increases which have taken place in the Bangkok market during the past three months.

This has been possible because Government has passed on to the public the benefit of the low prices, at which the stock was originally purchased, without regard to the prices paid on replacement of stocks, says the Malaya Tribune.

It is no longer, however, possible to maintain prices so far below outside market levels and in an order, published today, new prices are fixed for the sale of Thailand rice by wholesale and retail.

Although the increases amount to 1 1/2 cents per katy, it must be remembered that the public has benefitted, very greatly, for some months past by the policy followed by Government, and that, though present prices may appear to be high, in comparison with those ruling a year ago, they are still moderate and are less than one-third of those which obtained at the end of the last war.

Prices for Burma white and parboiled rice remain very low in comparison with Thai rice, as also prices for Annam rice.

### MALAYAN PINEAPPLE INDUSTRY CAN SURVIVE PRESENT SLUMP

Although the Malayan pineapple industry is now passing through a most difficult period owing to the dislocation of usual markets, the various steps taken in the past decade to stabilise the industry have increased its capacity to withstand the present slump till normal conditions are restored.

Whereas formerly the fruit was grown as a catchcrop with rubber, at present most of the area under pineapple is planted as a sole crop.

The conditions under which the fruit is canned have been much improved in many directions, and several factories have been entirely rebuilt and re-equipped.

Rigorous attention is paid to cleanliness and legal authority given to close down any factory in which strict hygienic conditions of packing are not maintained.

The pioneers of the Malayan pineapple canning industry were fortunate in that they were able to place on the world market a tropical delicacy at a very moderate price. Markets were easily established and held, for the competition of canned pineapples and other fruits was not strong.

In recent years, however, market conditions have become more difficult and exacting, canned pineapples are now produced in several countries, and there is also a very much wider range of canned fruits on the market due in a large measure to the growth of the fruit-canning industry in the United Kingdom.

It must also be remembered that the marketing of fresh fruit with the aid of cold storage has made considerable headway in recent years.

The housewife is only prepared to outlay a certain sum of money on the purchase of fruit, and the wider variety of fresh and canned fruits available in and out of season has had its repercussions on the canned pineapple industry.

These various problems have been met in Malaya by a reorganisation of the industry and by previous systematic and thorough research work into all branches.

**NEW LEASE OF LIFE**  
Innovations are, perhaps, slow to be accepted by those who have found the way easy in the past, but whatever may be said of the hesitations in the past, there is no doubt that the present reorganisation, supported by legal authority, has given the pineapple industry a new and it is to be hoped—a long lease of life.

The value of closer co-operation between those interested in various aspects of the industry is already evident. The present market situation created by the war has confronted the industry with new problems of control and marketing.

While losses consequent upon curtailment of our markets are inevitable, it is certain that the present organisation is in a better position to cope with these difficulties than was the industry before the creation of the Central Board of Pineapple Packers and the Growers' Association, and confidence is felt that their combined efforts will bring the industry through the difficulties created by the war. (Malaya Tribune).

### MALAYA'S LIVESTOCK IMPORTS

The chief imports of livestock into Malaya are those for slaughter, states the report of the Veterinary Department, Malaya.

The total imports for this purpose were oxen 15,704, buffaloes 2,924, sheep 56,942, goats 18,016, and swine 88,882.

Dairy cattle numbering 140 head were imported into Singapore, 51 from Australia and 89 from the United States of America. These animals were consigned to the two European-managed dairy farms in Singapore.

The majority of oxen were imported from the island of Bali in the Netherlands Indies, the net imports of these animals into Singapore totalling 12,574 head, whilst another 1,784 head were distributed to Johore and the Federated Malay States.

Following the receipt of assurances from the Thai Government that the position in regard to disease control in the southern districts of Thailand was satisfactory, the cattle trade was resumed in July, 1939. Thai cattle being received into the frontier quarantine station at Padang Besar in regular fortnightly batches up to the full capacity of the station.

These Thai cattle were slaughtered in the Penang, Ipoh and Kuala Lumpur abattoirs.

Sheep were imported chiefly from Australia and goats from the Netherlands Indies the numbers of these imports being 58,942 and 18,016 respectively.

Swine were imported only into Singapore the rest of the country obtaining its requirements from local Malayan sources. Of the imported swine totalling 88,882 head, 3,345 originated from China the remainder being imported from the Netherlands Indies. (Malaya Tribune).



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### DANUBE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC

### GERMANY HARD HIT BY ORDER

LONDON, Dec. 17 (Reuters).—

The main route for the supply of Rumanian petrol and other commodities to Germany would be closed probably until March owing to the presence of ice in the Danube.

The Yugoslav River Navigation Control organisation has ordered the suspension of all navigation on the river as from yesterday, according to a Belgrade message to London newspapers.

All Yugoslav Danube steamers are being withdrawn and will tie up for the winter and it is expected that other Danubian countries will follow suit within the next few days.

### LONDON METALS EXCHANGE

London, Dec. 16 (Reuters).

Tin, Standard, Cash, Middle

Price, £257-1/8.

Tin, Standard, 3 months, Middle

Price, £259-7/8.

7. Market is still under influence of scarcity of export permits. After trading hours, market was steady.

### Coal Gas As Driving Power For Planes

ROME, Dec. 17 (Reuters).—The Italian air force is experimenting with coal gas as a driving power for aeroplanes.

The Stefani News Agency says that experiments are carried out at the aerodrome near Milan.

A Breda plane fitted with an 80-h.p. motor was adapted for the use of coal gas and the agency states that it took off easily and rose to a height of 150 feet.

### HONGKONG SHARE QUOTATIONS

STOCK EXCHANGE

SHARERBROKERS' ASSOCIATION

TUESDAY 17 DEC.

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Canton Insurance

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Steamboats

Indo-China (Pref.)

Indo-China (Def.)

Shells

Waterboats

Docks

H.K. & K. Wharves

Codown, etc.

H.K. Docks (Old)

H.K. Docks (New)

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Mining

Kailans

Rauba

Hong Kong Mines

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H.K. & S. Hotels

H.K. Lands

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Shanghai Land

H.K. Realities

Humphreys

Chinese Estates

Cotton Mills

Ewo (S.)

Shai Cottons (S.)

Zhong Singa (S.)

Wing On Textiles (S.)

Public Utilities

H.K. Tramways

Peak Trams (old)

Peak Trams (new)

Star Ferries

Y-mat Ferries

China Lights (O.)

China Lights (New)

H.K. Electric (Old)

H.K. Electric (New)

Macao Electric (Old)

Macao Electric (New)

Sundakan Lights

Telephones (old)

Telephones (new)

Spore Traction (Ord)

Industrials

Cold Mack. (Ord.)

Cold Mack. (Pref.)

Canton Ice

H.K. Govt. Loans

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3 1/2% (1940)

### H.K. STOCK EXCHANGE

The market continues with a steady demand, with a fair volume of business passing.

**BUYERS**

Bank of East Asia, 5/4.

Canton Ins., 187.50.

Union Ins., 305.

Wharves, 32.

Docks (O.), 18.10.

Docks (N.), 17.25.

Providents, 55.55.

Hotels, 33.45.

Lands, 33.50.

Realities, 37.5.

Trams, 17.65.

Lights (O., C.D.), 7.30.

Lights (N., C.D.), 7.05.

Dairy Farms, 19.10.

Watsons, 10.35.

Entertainments, 7.

Constructions (O.), 17.60.

**SELLERS**

Hotels, 33.65.

Realities, 37.75.

Electric (O.), 40.50.

Vibro Piling, 7.70.

**SALES**

Docks (O.), 18.10.

Humphreys, 7.80.

Trams, 17.70.

Lights (O., C.D.), 7.35/40.

Electric (O.), 40.25.

Telephones (N.), 10.30.

Cements, 18.20.

Dairy Farms, 19.25.

**HONGKONG SHAREBROKERS' ASSOCIATION**

Volume of Business Transacted on Tuesday, Dec. 17, 1940.

**SALES**

China Lights (O.) 500 \$ 7.40

China Lights (N.) 200 7.10

China Lights (O.) 2,500 7.15

China Providents 500 5.80

H.K. Docks (O.) 300 18.10

H.K. Docks (N.) 74 17.40

Dairy Farms 400 19.25

H.K. Electric (N.) 100 30.75

H.K. Tramways 200 17.75

Humphreys 500 7.80

5,474

The total value is \$59,557.60.

**LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE**

LONDON, Dec. 17 (Reuters).

In the Stock Exchange yesterday enterprise in industrial sections was lacking otherwise conditions were cheerful. GFT-edged, Indian Loans, Egyptian, Portuguese and Greek Bonds registered fuller sales.

Oils continued in favour though a little profit-taking occasionally reduced the earlier advances.

Raffia, after early local support, finished a little irregular and Hong Industrials generally were quiet.

Wall Street was quietly irregular.

### 24 U.S. Merchantmen Put Up For Sale

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17 (Reuters).

The United States Maritime Commission announced yesterday that 24 laid-up merchant ships will be offered for sale on Jan. 7. It is expected that a bid will be made by the British Purchasing Commission.

The ships to be sold range from some just under 8,000 tons to the 23,000-ton George Washington which was formerly a German vessel.

Terms of sale provide for the transfer of the ships to foreign flags provided this is done within six months.

**SILVER MARKET**

LONDON SILVER

LONDON, Dec. 16 (Reuters).

Silver—Bear covering encountered reluctant sellers. Business small. Market steady. In the afternoon, market was quietly steady.

Spot, 23d.

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**Important Decisions At Engineers' Meeting**

CHENGDU, Dec. 17 (Central)—A number of important decisions were reached at the fifth session of the ninth annual meeting of the Chinese Engineers' Society held here under the chairmanship of Mr. Chen Li-fu, Minister of Education.

One of the decisions calls for a strict investigation whether any of the members have changed their allegiance to the Japanese. Another calls for the collection of \$300,000 as a sinking fund for the Society, the interests therefrom will be used to defray expenditures. Other decisions concern the organization of a commission to compile Chinese engineering terms, a committee to study the draft monopoly law, an engineering education association to train men in the engineering field, a resources investigation corps to inspect the natural resources in the interior, and a committee to study the industrial plan laid down by Dr. Sun Yat-sen.

It was also decided to compile Chinese books on engineering subjects. June 8, the birthday anniversary of Emperor Yu in the 2226-2223 B.C., was fixed as the Chinese Engineers' Day. Emperor Yu is known for his efforts at water conservancy in the great deluge period.

The next annual meeting of the Society will be held at Kweiyang, but the exact date has not been fixed.

**WEATHER REPORT**

Hongkong Royal Observatory

10 a.m., Dec. 17.

Barometer (at sea level) 30.22 ins.

Temperature, 65 F.

Humidity, 31 per cent.

Wind Direction, NNE

Wind Force (Beaufort), 6.

Temperature: maximum yesterday, 78 F.

Temperature: Minimum last night, 63 F.

Rainfall for 24 hrs. ending 10 a.m. today, nil.

Total rainfall since January 1st, 117.59 ins.

Against an average of, 84.62 ins.

Sunset tonight, 5.42 p.m.

Sunrise tomorrow, 6.57 a.m.

4 p.m., Dec. 17.

Barometer (at sea level) 30.14 ins.

Temperature, 71 F.

Humidity, 29 per cent.

Wind Direction, N.

Wind Force (Beaufort), 3.

Maximum temperature, 72 F.

Minimum temperature, 63 F.

Rainfall, nil.

**HONG KONG TIDE TABLE**

From 18 to 21 Dec. 1940.

Day of Week	Date of Month	HIGHER WATER		LOW WATER	
		Hong Kong Standard Time	Height	Hong Kong Standard Time	Height
Wed	18	12.22	4.8	05.58	0.7
		23.05	7.9	18.34	3.6
Thur.	19	13.00	4.8	06.40	1.0
		23.50	7.5	17.16	3.4
Fri.	20	14.10	5.0	07.15	1.4
		00.48	6.9	08.15	1.6
Sat.	21	15.05	5.2	08.30	1.2
		01.55	6.2	09.05	2.3
Sun	22	16.00	5.5	09.28	2.0
		03.24	6.8	10.01	4.0
Mon.	23	16.52	5.3	09.25	3.5
		04.00	5.1	10.53	2.5
Tues.	24	17.44	6.4	—	—

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- Greek letter
- Walk heavily
- Monk's title
- High in the scale
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- Blinding custom
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- Past
- One of the United States
- Speed contest
- Whirl
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- Tardy
- Tribes
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- Dined
- Harvests
- Mineral spring
- Symbol for cerium
- Overjoyed
- Cut of meat
- Roguish
- Pursue
- unrelentingly
- Part of the mouth
- Indefinite period of time
- Part of the head
- Man's name
- Split pulse
- Sense organ
- Chemical compound

DOWN

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- Vestige
- Storm
- Tumult
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- Ornamental balls
- Kind of quartz
- Hastened
- Inspire with fear
- Ventilates
- Metric measure of
- area
- Form
- Sluggish
- Thin metal disc
- Fabric
- Rabbit fur
- African antelope
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**UNIQUE CHUNGKING CAMPAIGN**

CHUNGKING, Dec. 17 (Central)—A unique campaign for dispatching New Year greeting letters to soldiers at the front, people in occupied areas, and overseas Chinese will be shortly launched here by the National Relief Association.

At a meeting of the Association yesterday, it was decided that the heads of various organs in the capital would be asked to sign the letters.

**PEIPING COLD SNAP**

CHUNGKING, Dec. 17 (Central)—Peiping has been in the grip of a cold snap accompanied by blinding snowfalls since yesterday morning, according to a despatch from the ancient capital. The mercury has dropped four degrees below freezing point.

**FLOOD HAVOC IN TURKEY**

Simay, Hanife Rivers Overflow Banks

ISTANBUL, Dec. 17 (Reuter)—Widespread floods cause serious damage in Anatolia.

Torrential rains have swollen the Simay and Hanife rivers which again inundated the districts which were flooded last year.

The low-lying regions in the province of Smyrna are also under water.

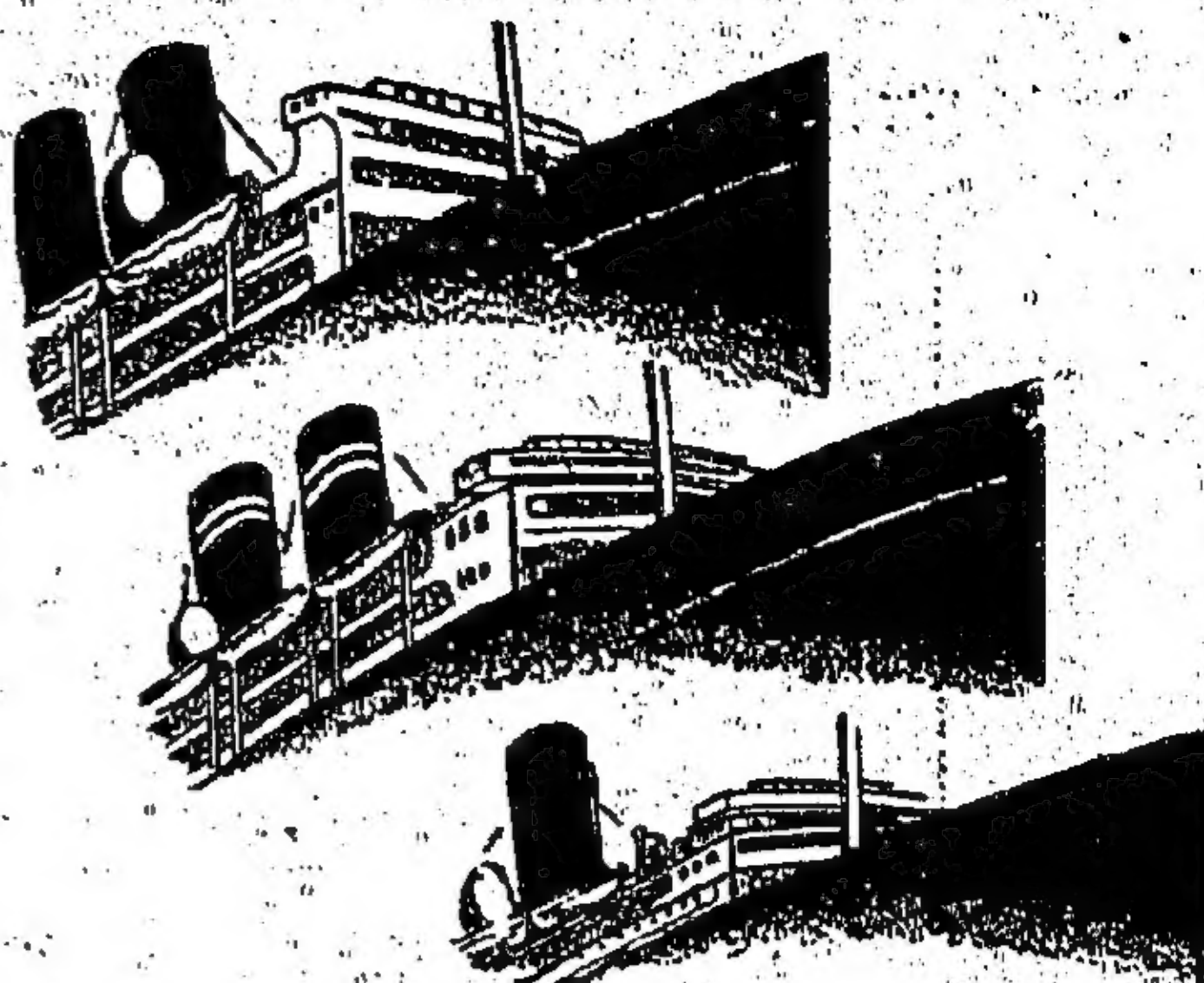
So far no casualties are reported but the damage is considerable. Snowstorms and bitter cold are reported throughout Turkey.

**BELGIAN PRISONERS OF WAR RELEASED**

LONDON, Dec. 17 (Reuter)—German soldiers in Brussels salute Belgian reserve officers returning from prison camps but do not salute Italian Air Force officers according to the Free Belgian news agency.

Although Belgian prisoners of war are now being released their return will take a long time.

The Agency also reports that food shops in Belgium closed owing to shortage of supplies and it is believed that local authorities will have to undertake the distribution of primary foodstuffs.



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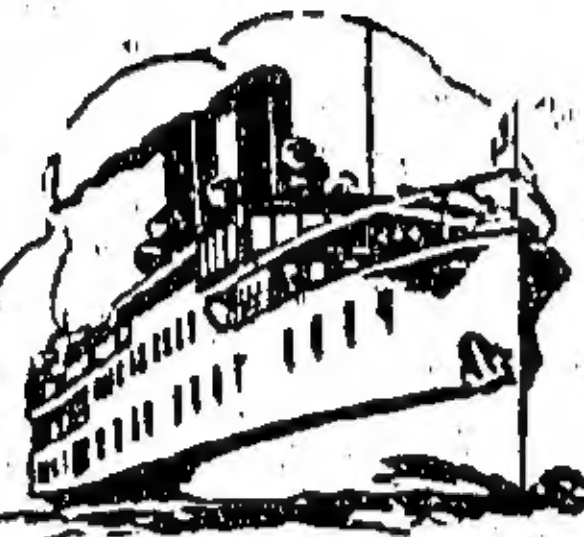
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## SINO SOLDIER FREED ON MANSLAUGHTER CHARGE

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## CEMENTING CHINA-BURMA RELATIONS

### JOURNALISTS ON GOODWILL VISIT

CHUNGKING, Dec. 17. (Central)—Evidence closer relations between China and Burma, a party of Burmese journalists will shortly arrive in China on a goodwill visit.

The party is scheduled to leave Rangoon for Kuming on Dec. 23 by air and after a brief stopover they will continue their journey to Chungking.

During their forthcoming visit here, the Burmese newspapermen will call on Chinese Government leaders and the British Ambassador, Sir Archibald Clark Kerr. They will also visit the cultural organisations and industrial plants.

After concluding their stay here, they will proceed to Chengtu on Jan. 7 and return to Lashio by air on Jan. 14.

## TEN TRAFFIC MISHAPS

Ten traffic accidents were reported in the Central district yesterday. Of these six were collisions between vehicles while four persons were knocked down.

Van No. 1743, of the Sanitary Department, collided with a private rickshaw at Bonham Strand East, near Hillier Street, while private cars No. 5821 and No. 1853 had a crash at Hollywood Road, near Lyndhurst Terrace.

### ANOTHER COLLISION

Another collision between private cars No. 1527 and 2468 was reported at the car park, opposite King's building.

Private car No. 5322 collided with a lorry at Queen's Road, near Jackson Road. A tricycle crashed into private car No. 6829 near Queen's Road Central.

While driving along Queen's Rd. near Wellington Street Ip Kwan, driver of motorbus No. 614 knocked down a Chinese woman. A learner driver, Chan Foh-suen, also knocked down a Chinese at Ice House Street, near Lower Albert Road.

Tong Po-man knocked down a woman, Chan Sim-hing, at Caine Road.

## JUNK MASTER SHOT DEAD

The master of trading junk No. T2126H was shot dead and a fowl was seriously injured when the craft was attacked by pirates who stole cargo, to the value of \$800, and \$5,000 in Chinese currency.

According to a report made to the Police, the robbery occurred on Dec. 14 about 10 miles south of Sam Mel.

The master of trading junk No. T3870H also reported that his craft had been burned and a quantity of salt, valued at \$1,800, stolen by pirates, outside Colonial waters. The total loss was estimated to be \$4,800.

## THE WEATHER

Maximum temperature yesterday was 72 and the minimum 63. Total rainfall since January 1 is 117.59 inches against an average of 84.62.

The Royal Observatory report states—

The anticyclone is now very intense, and covers the whole of China and the neighbouring seas. The northern depression is centred near Tokyo, moving E. or N.E.

Pressure remains low in a trough extending from the Visayas to the Caroline Islands.

Mr. J. P. Murphy, Assistant Crown Solicitor, assisted by D. T. Inspector A. E. Carey, prosecuted. The following jury was empanelled: Messrs. F. C. Grant (Foreman), Sou Zen Chang, Lai Fung Kong, Wong Hay, A. A. Noronha, Campman Chan, and Chiu Kwan Chee.

### CROWN CASE

In his outline of the case, Mr. Murphy said that accused approached Chui Shu-po, another interned living in hut No. 9, at about 5 p.m. on Oct. 25 and asked him to speak to Wong Shu-tung on the matter of Wong's alleged accusation that defendant was a spy.

Later in the evening accused approached Chui Shu-po, another interned living in hut No. 9, at about 5 p.m. on Oct. 25 and asked him to speak to Wong Shu-tung on the matter of Wong's alleged accusation that defendant was a spy.

On returning to camp he was taken back to the Kowloon Hospital later in the evening after he had vomited out some blood. Four days after an operation was performed as his condition was then critical. He died without recovering consciousness.

### MEDICAL EVIDENCE

Evidence as to the wound sustained by deceased was given by Chan Hong-hung, assistant camp dresser, Man Tai-kwong, dresser attached to the Medical Office and stationed at the camp, Dr. Lo Shu-sun, house surgeon of the Kowloon Hospital, Dr. I. Newton, and Dr. E. L. Gosano.

Dr. H. T. Bee gave evidence to finding three small scratches on the left forearm of the accused which might have been caused by any sharp object.

After formal evidence of arrest had been given by Inspector H. F. Rogers, Chui Shu-po, Tong Chang-chin and Lung Po-shing, interned, of the camp, gave evidence on the lines of the Crown's opening.

"HE STRUCK ME FIRST"  
Accused neither gave evidence nor made any statement in his own defence, contenting himself with saying, "I did strike him, but he struck me first."

After a short retirement, the jury returned an unanimous verdict of Not Guilty.

## R.A.F. RAIDS:

### HEAVY BOMBS PLASTERED ON BERLIN POWER PLANTS

LONDON, Dec. 17 (Reuter)—Railway communications, munition factories and power plants were attacked by British heavy bombers which were over Berlin on Sunday night and in the early hours of yesterday morning, says the Air Ministry.

The first of our bombers reached Berlin just before 9 p.m. Despite the cloud, some of the pilots in the early raids found what they were seeking immediately while others had to make their way to alternative targets. Nevertheless our pilots recognised and attacked several factories and railway targets.

### EXCELLENT VISIBILITY

The next series of raids began at 3 a.m. and lasted well over an hour. The weather was then much better and visibility excellent.

Power stations, railway junctions and goods yards were now the chief objectives. A stick of heavy high explosive bombs fell right in the centre of a railway junction and immediately started fires which were still increasing as our aircraft left.

At another junction, where some of the heaviest bombs were dropped, there were bursts all along the sidings. A great cloud of black smoke rose high in the air while debris was flung even higher by the explosion of the bombs.

## ON VISIT TO THE WHITE HOUSE



WASHINGTON, Dec. 17 (Reuter)—Princess Juliana is expected to arrive here tomorrow morning on a three-day visit to the White House after which she is going to New York for a further three days prior to returning to Canada.

## F.M.S. PETITION AGAINST INCOME-TAX

As already exclusively announced in the Malaya Tribune, the F.M.S. are sending a petition to Lord Lloyd, Secretary of State for the Colonies, strongly opposing the proposal to impose income-tax.

The petition has been drawn up on behalf of "agricultural, mining, trade, commercial and industrial interests in the F.M.S." and declares that the imposition of income-tax would be a "major blunder."

Like in the Colony, the petitioners draw attention among other reasons, to the very great difficulties and heavy expense which income-tax would impose, and the great danger of more widespread corruption in the country than is the case at present.

Further, the F.M.S. petitioners declare themselves "strongly opposed" to the introduction of the tax "merely to facilitate" its imposition in the Colony. They point out that in the last war, an income-tax was levied in the S.S. but not in the F.M.S.

## COLD GRIP IN S.E. EUROPE

South-East Europe is in the grip of increasing cold weather and within the next few days many ports on the Danube will be frozen, according to a message from Belgrade quoted in a London message.

Shipping in the Yugoslav sections of the river has stopped because of ice in the Danube and Germany's main route of supplies for petrol and other commodities will be closed until spring. This will considerably delay the transport of the things which Germany needs.

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### LARGE FIRES

Two large fires were started at one power station.

A smaller force of bombers attacked the west harbour at Frankfurt, where there is a great collection of warehouses, factories, grain elevators and oil plants, for well over two hours.

The free port of Bremen was also attacked.

### NO BRITISH LOSSES

"An attack on a number of important targets in the Berlin area, including railways, factories and public utilities," is mentioned in an R.A.F. communique describing Sunday night's activities.

Smaller forces of the R.A.F. bombed the inland port of Frankfurt-on-Main and neighbouring targets, while Kiel shipyards and Bremen were also attacked.

The communique adds that during the course of the operations, R.A.F. bombers observed enemy merchant vessels off the French coast, and attacked them, scoring direct hits.

No British aircraft are missing.

## FOREIGN MAILS

HONGKONG, WEDNESDAY, 14th DECEMBER, 1940, 9.30 A.M.

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Sandakan	21st Dec.
Calcutta and Straits	22nd Dec.
Australia and Manila	23rd Dec.
Air Mail by "Pan-American Airways Direct Service"—San Francisco date, 17th December	24th Dec.
Canton	24th Dec.
London and Straits	24th Dec.
London and Straits	24th Dec.
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai (San Francisco date 6th December).	26th Dec.
U.S.A., Honolulu and Manila (San Francisco date 3rd December).	27th Dec.
Calcutta and Straits	27th Dec.
Java and Manila	27th Dec.
Swatow	28th Dec.
Sandakan	29th Dec.
London and Straits	31st Dec.

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Straits and Rangoon	8.30 AM
Manila, Batavia and Sourabaya	8.30 AM
	K.P.O.
	Reg. 5.00 PM
	Ord. 5.30 PM
Shanghai, Japan, Honolulu, U.S.A., Central and South America and "United Kingdom via San Francisco."	G.P.O.
	Reg. 5.00 PM
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<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>Thurs. 19th.</b>
	K.P.O.
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	Reg. 1st 5.00 PM
	Ord. 1st 7.30 AM
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	Reg. 1st 5.00 PM
	Ord. 1st 7.30 AM
<b>FRIDAY</b>	<b>Fri. 20th.</b>
Haiphong	10.30 AM
	K.P.O.
	Reg. 4.00 PM
	Ord. 4.30 PM
	G.P.O.
	Reg. 4.00 PM
	Ord. 4.30 PM
Air Mail by Air to Rangoon to connect with the "British Overseas Airways."	K.P.O.
	Reg. 5.00 PM
	Ord. 5.30 PM
Air Mail by sea to Singapore to connect with the "British Overseas Airways."	G.P.O.
	Reg. 5.00 PM
	Ord. 7.00 PM
<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>Sat. 21st.</b>
Straits	8.30 AM
	G.P.O. & K.P.O.
	Par. 5.00 PM
	Reg. 5.00 PM
	Ord. 5.30 PM
Air Mail by sea to Singapore to connect with the "British Overseas Airways."	G.P.O.
	Reg. 5.00 PM
	Ord. 7.00 PM
<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>Mon. 23rd.</b>
Straits and Calcutta	10.30 AM
	Letters 11.30 AM
	K.P.O.
	Reg. 2.00 PM
	Ord. 2.30 PM
	G.P.O.
Air Mail by sea to Singapore to connect with the "British Overseas Airways."	Reg. 2.00 PM
	Ord. 2.30 PM
Straits, Ceylon, India, East and South Africa	3.30 PM
<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>Tue. 24th.</b>
	K.P.O.
	Reg. 5.00 PM
	Ord. 5.30 PM
Air Mail for Manila, Guam, Honolulu, U.S.A. and Europe via "Pan-American Airways and Trans-Atlantic Services"	G.P.O.
	Reg. 5.00 PM
	Ord. 7.00 PM
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>Wed. 25th.</b>
Canton	7.15 AM
Manila, Macassar and Sourabaya	8.30 AM
Straits, Rangoon and Calcutta	Par. 1st 5.00 PM
	Let. 2nd 9.30 AM
<b>FRIDAY</b>	<b>Fri. 27th.</b>
Sandakan	8.30 AM
	K.P.O.
	Par. 4.00 PM
	Reg. 5.00 PM
	Ord. 5.30 PM
	G.P.O.
	Reg. 5.00 PM
	Ord. 5.30 PM
Shanghai, Japan, Honolulu, U.S.A., Canada, Central and South America and "United Kingdom via San Francisco. (No Parcels for Canada and United Kingdom).	G.P.O.
	Par. 4.00 PM
	Reg. 5.00 PM
	Ord. 7.00 PM
<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>Sat. 28th.</b>
Manila, Australia and New Zealand via Thursday Island	Reg. 5.00 PM
	Ord. 7.00 PM
Straits, Rangoon and Calcutta	Sat. 28th.
	3.30 PM
<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>Mon. 31st.</b>
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mombasa, Beira, Lourenco Marques, and South Africa via Durban	2.30 PM

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